Reading List 2015-2016 – American Literature, 1920 to the Present

Fiction: Before 1950

John Dos Passos
*Manhattan Transfer*

Eudora Welty
*“Petrified Man”*

Fiction: After 1950

Louise Erdrich
*Tracks*

Steven Millhauser
*“The Tower”*

Jennifer Egan
*A Visit from the Goon Squad*

Poetry*

Amy Lowell
*“Venus Transiens”*

William Carlos Williams
*“Landscape with the Fall of Icarus”*

H.D. (Hilda Doolittle)
*“Oread”*

Countee Cullen
*“Yet Do I Marvel”*

Robert Lowell
*“Mr. Edwards and the Spider”*

Gary Snyder
*“Milton by Firelight”*
Gwendolyn Brooks
“A Bronzeville Mother Loiters in Mississippi. Meanwhile a Mississippi Mother Burns Bacon”

Robyn Schiff
“Lion Felling a Bull”

**Essays**

T.S. Eliot
“Tradition and the Individual Talent”

Gloria Anzaldúa
“How to Tame a Wild Tongue”

David Foster Wallace
“Democracy, English, and the Wars over Usage”

**Secondary Source**

Brian McHale, Postmodernist Fiction, Part One

*In the Norton Anthology of American Literature, 8th Edition (on reserve at Penrose)
**Available on CLEo