# YA Lit Introduction

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#### What is YA Lit?

Young Adult Literature is a type of fiction that is written for people between the ages of 12 to around 18 years old. Young Adult Literature books usually can relate readers to the main person in the book. This helps to create similarities with the reader and the book.

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## **History of YA Lit**

In 1802, YA Lit was first created. It was first called "Books for young persons" for which the ages range from 14 to 21. One of the first YA Lit authors was Mark Twain. In the 20th century YA Lit became more popular and this is when *The Outsiders* was written, this book is still a number one selling book. Now, in the 21st century YA Lit books are being used in school setting and for young adults all over. Books are even being put online and on websites for easy access.

## YA Lit book and authorship awards and importance

Young adult author awards range from 1988 to the present. Awards are given out by YALSA, which is the Young Adult Library Services Association. Awards are also given out by the National Book Foundation and many other organizations.





### My reading habits

I usually read the most during the summer when I have freetime. I also read when books are required for school. I don't really enjoy reading but once I get time to and get into a good book I like to read.

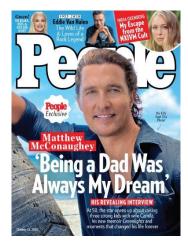
My reading challenges are finding a good book and getting into it and finding time to relax and read a good book.

### If you could read anything, what would it be?

Every week or so I get a magazine to US weekly or People Magazine... I really enjoy looking through those, sometimes there are some really amazing stories and I like that they are somewhat short.

My favorite book is The Help. I've read it so many times and watched the movie even more. I would say it's one of my favorite vacation books and I always read it

every summer too.



#### Reading goals for this class

My reading goals for this class are to keep up on the books that I am reading along with my projects. I plan to learn a lot about the books that I read and create a meaningful project to go along with it. I also hope to get a better understanding through these projects and dive deeper into these books, even if I have read them

before.

