

**THESIS FORM #3
(READING LIST)**



I. INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: _____

THESIS TITLE: _____

II. READING LIST (Please attach reading list separately with annotations.)

ADVISOR _____
DATE

DEAN _____
DATE

What is the reading list?

The reading list, while assessed by your committee during the second hour of your thesis defense, is completely distinct from your thesis work. The reading list should be an annotated list of texts that describes your development during your college years. Your reading list should be made up of some twelve to fifteen titles which have played a significant role in your academic development. Your reading list should include titles that are reflective of your undergraduate years: from Honors courses, from other courses, or from your private experience.

Choose books and other texts that you are passionate about and that you can easily discuss. Do not try to impress your thesis committee with a long list of so-called "classics" or "great books," but do choose books that have made a significant impact on your undergraduate experience. You may choose one or two texts you read prior to college, but only if they contributed greatly to who you are today.

Your reading list must be annotated. In addition to the title of the work and the author/director, you should provide brief paragraphs describing each work and perhaps some evaluation. Alternatively, a two- to three-page essay describing the works through a narrative form would serve the same purpose. Regardless of format, the annotation need not be lengthy but should provide an entrée into the works for your committee.

Your advisor and the Dean of the Honors College can help you with your list. A sample reading list can be found in the *Honors College Thesis Handbook*, available online at <http://www.umehon.maine.edu/thesis/thesis-handbook.htm> and in hard copy at the Honors College office in Colvin Hall.