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THESIS FORM #3
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I. INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Thesis Title: _____

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

Advisor _____

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, the dean of the Honors College, or the Honors College member of your thesis committee often can help you with your reading list. More information about the reading list is in the *Thesis Handbook*, online at www.honors.umaine.edu/academics/thesis/thesis-handbook/ or in hard copy at the Honors College office in Colvin Hall. Sample reading lists can be found at www.honors.umaine.edu/academics/thesis/reading-lists/

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