



PLAYS TO READ FOR FURMAN THEATRE ARTS MAJORS

Aeschylus	<i>Agamemnon</i>	Greek	458 BCE
Euripides	<i>Medea</i>	Greek	431 BCE
Sophocles	<i>Oedipus Rex</i>	Greek	429 BCE
Aristophanes	<i>Lysistrata</i>	Greek	411 BCE
Terence	<i>The Brothers</i>	Roman	160 BCE
Kan-ami	<i>Matsukaze</i>	Japanese	c 1300
anonymous	<i>Everyman</i>	Medieval	1495
Wakefield master	<i>The Second Shepherds' Play</i>	Medieval	c 1500
Shakespeare, William	<i>Hamlet</i>	Elizabethan	1599
Shakespeare, William	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Elizabethan	1601
Marlowe, Christopher	<i>Doctor Faustus</i>	Jacobean	1604
Jonson, Ben	<i>Volpone</i>	Jacobean	1606
Webster, John	<i>The Duchess of Malfi</i>	Jacobean	1612
Calderon, Pedro	<i>Life is a Dream</i>	Spanish Golden Age	1635
Moliere	<i>Tartuffe</i>	French Neoclassicism	1664
Wycherley, William	<i>The Country Wife</i>	Restoration	1675
Racine, Jean Baptiste	<i>Phedra</i>	French Neoclassicism	1677
Centlivre, Susanna	<i>A Bold Stroke for a Wife</i>	English 18th century	1717
Goldoni, Carlo	<i>The Servant of Two Masters</i>	Italian 18th century	1753
Gogol, Nikolai	<i>The Inspector General</i>	Russian	1842
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>A Doll's House</i>	Modern	1879
Strindberg, August	<i>Miss Julie</i>	Modern	1888
Shaw, George Bernard	<i>Mrs. Warren's Profession</i>	Modern Irish	1893
Wilde, Oscar	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Modern Irish	1895
Chekhov, Anton	<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	Russian	1904
Pirandello, Luigi	<i>Six Characters in Search of an Author</i>	Italian 20th century	1921
Wilder, Thornton	<i>Our Town</i>	Modern	1938
Brecht, Bertolt	<i>Mother Courage and Her Children</i>	Epic Theatre	1939
Rodgers, Richard & Oscar Hammerstein	<i>Oklahoma!</i>	Musical	1943
Sartre, Jean-Paul	<i>No Exit</i>	Anti-realism	1944
Williams, Tennessee	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Modern	1944
Lorca, Federico Garcia	<i>Blood Wedding</i>	Anti-realism	1945
Miller, Arthur	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Modern	1949
Ionesco, Eugene	<i>The Bald Soprano</i>	Absurdist	1950
Beckett, Samuel	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>	Absurdist	1953
Durrenmatt, Friedrich	<i>The Visit</i>	post-WWII German	1956
O'Neill, Eugene	<i>A Long Day's Journey Into Night</i>	Modern	1956
Osborne, John	<i>Look Back in Anger</i>	Angry Young Mvmt	1956
Genet, Jean	<i>The Balcony</i>	Absurdist	1957
Laurents, Arthur & Stephen Sondheim	<i>West Side Story</i>	Musical	1957
Hainsberry, Lorraine	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Modern	1959
Albee, Edward	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf</i>	Adsurdist	1962
Baraka, Amiri (LeRoi Jones)	<i>Dutchman</i>	Modern	1964
Kennedy, Adrienne	<i>Funnyhouse of a Negro</i>	Modern Absurdist	1964
Pinter, Harold	<i>The Homecoming</i>	Absurdist	1964
Stoppard, Tom	<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i>	Modern	1967
Fo, Dario	<i>Accidental Death of an Anarchist</i>	Modern	1970
Webber, Andrew Lloyd	<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Musical	1970
Soyinka, Wole	<i>Death and the King's Horsemen</i>	African	1975
Cristofer, Michael	<i>The Shadow Box</i>	Modern	1977
Churchill, Caryl	<i>Cloud Nine</i>	Post-Modern	1978
Shephard, Sam	<i>Buried Child</i>	Magical Realism	1978
Norman, Marsha	<i>Getting Out</i>	Contemporary	1979
Sherman, Martin	<i>Bent</i>	Modern	1979



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Valdez, Luis	<i>Zoot Suit</i>	Modern	1979
Boublil, Allain & Jean-Marc Natel	<i>Les Miserables</i>	Musical	1980
Friel, Brian	<i>Translations</i>	Modern	1980
Fugard, Athol	<i>Master Harold...and the Boys</i>	African	1982
Simon, Neil	<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i>	Modern	1982
Mamet, David	<i>Glengarry Glen Ross</i>	Contemporary	1983
Wertebaker, Timberlake	<i>The Grace of Mary Traverse</i>	Contemporary	1985
Overmyer, Eric	<i>On The Verge</i>	Modern	1987
Wilson, August	<i>Fences</i>	Contemporary	1987
Wilson, Lanford	<i>Burn This</i>	Contemporary	1987
Hwang, David Henry	<i>M. Butterfly</i>	Modern	1988
Wasserstein, Wendy	<i>The Heidi Chronicles</i>	Modern	1988
Kushner, Tony	<i>Angels in America: Millennium Approaches</i>	Contemporary	1991
Kushner, Tony	<i>Angels in America: Perestroika</i>	Contemporary	1991
Smith, Anna Deavere	<i>Fires in the Mirror</i>	Contemporary	1991
Rivera, Jose	<i>Marisol</i>	Contemporary	1993
Stoppard, Tom	<i>Arcadia</i>	Modern	1993
Edson, Margaret	<i>Wit</i>	Contemporary	1995
Larson, Jonathan	<i>Rent</i>	Musical	1996
Vogel, Paula	<i>How I Learned to Drive</i>	Contemporary	1997
Kaufman, Moises	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Contemporary	2000
Labute, Neil	<i>The Shape of Things</i>	Contemporary	2001
Lori-Parks, Suzan	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Contemporary	2001
McDonagh, Martin	<i>The Lieutenant of Inishmore</i>	Contemporary	2003
Schwartz, Stephen	<i>Wicked</i>	Musical	2003
Shanley, John Patrick	<i>Doubt</i>	Contemporary	2004
Guirgis, Stephen Adly	<i>The Last Days of Judas Iscariot</i>	Contemporary	2005
Reza, Yasmina	<i>God of Carnage</i>	Contemporary	2006
Letts, Tracy	<i>August: Osage County</i>	Contemporary	2007
Miranda, Lin-Manuel & Quiara Alegria Hudes	<i>In the Heights</i>	Musical	2007
Rebeck, Theresa	<i>Mauritius</i>	Contemporary	2007
Friedman, Michael & Alex Timbers	<i>Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson</i>	Musical	2008
Yorkey, Brian & Tom Kitt	<i>Next to Normal</i>	Musical	2008
Joseph, Rajiv	<i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>	Contemporary	2009
Hall, Katori	<i>The Mountaintop</i>	Contemporary	2009
Ruhl, Sarah	<i>In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play</i>	Contemporary	2009
Ives, David	<i>Venus in Fur</i>	Contemporary	2010
Baitz, Jon Robin	<i>Other Desert Cities</i>	Contemporary	2011
Hudes, Quiara Alegria	<i>Water by the Spoonful</i>	Contemporary	2011
Lindsay-Abair, David	<i>Good People</i>	Contemporary	2011
Akhtar, Ayad	<i>Disgraced</i>	Contemporary	2012
Durang, Christopher	<i>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike</i>	Modern Satire	2012
Kron, Lisa & Jeanine Tesori	<i>Fun Home</i>	Musical	2013
Morrisseau, Dominique	<i>Detroit '67</i>	Contemporary	2013
Nottage, Lynn	<i>Sweat</i>	Contemporary	2015
Butterworth, Jez	<i>The Ferryman</i>	Irish Contemporary	2017
Gunderson, Lauren	<i>The Revolutionists</i>	Contemporary	2017
Lee, Young Jean	<i>Straight White Men</i>	Contemporary	2017
Jacobs-Jenkins, Branden	<i>Everybody</i>	Contemporary	2018
Harris, Jeremy O.	<i>Slave Play</i>	Contemporary	2018
Jackson, Michael R.	<i>A Strange Loop</i>	Musical	2020