

Important Books

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

If you resist reading what you disagree with, how will you ever acquire deeper insights into what you believe? The things most worth reading are precisely those that challenge our convictions. ~*Author Unknown*

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

From Helen E. Haines (1872-1961- author of “Living with Books”, key figure in the intellectual freedom movement)

From every book invisible threads reach out to other books; and as the mind comes to use and control those threads the whole panorama of the world's life, past and present, becomes constantly more varied and interesting, while at the same time the mind's own powers of reflection and judgment are exercised and strengthened.

Questions for discussion

Do you like to read? Why?

What book(s) have had a significant influence on you? Why?

Has your position/opinion ever been changed by a book you read?

Why does literature have such an influence on you?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as “I like how we...” “I wish we would...”, or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must soon lay it down, and commence living on its hint.... What I began by reading, I must finish by acting.

~*Henry David Thoreau*

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!