

1. Jane Austen.

Clue: Jane Austen is one of the most well-known English authors in the world. Her novels have been banned in Iran, China, and New York prison libraries.

2. To Kill a Mockingbird.

Clue: *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a novel by Harper Lee. It is considered a classic of American literature. The novel is told from the point of view of Jean Louise "Scout" Finch. Scout's father, Atticus Finch, is a lawyer for Tom Robinson, who is a black man accused of raping a white woman. It is one of the most frequently banned books in the U.S.

3. Where the Wild Things Are.

Clue: This beloved children's book by Maurice Sendak was published in 1963. At the time of its publication many people felt the book was too dark and frightening for children and it was subsequently banned in many libraries and schools.

4. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Clue: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, written by Lewis Carroll, follows a young girl, Alice, on a fantastical journey in another land. This book has been banned repeatedly since its publication for varied reasons, including the inclusion of talking animals.

5. The Canterbury Tales.

Clue: Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *The Canterbury Tales* in the late 14th century in Middle English. Since then it has been challenged, censored, or banned many times in many different countries.

6. Pablo Neruda.

Clue: Pablo Neruda was a Chilean poet, diplomat, and Nobel Prize winner. He is considered one of the greatest writers of the 20th century. Neruda's books were banned in Chile during the early to mid-20th century due to his political views. People caught with his writings were persecuted or even imprisoned.

7. Anne of Green Gables.

Clue: *Anne of Green Gables*, by L.M. Montgomery, follows the life of Anne, an 11-year-old orphan adopted by two siblings in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island, Canada. When the book was translated into Polish in 1912, it was an instant hit. However, it was banned by the communist government because of its theme of individualism.

8. Aesop's Fables.

Clue: Aesop, a Greek slave, originally compiled his collection of fables between 620 and 564 B.C. The fables have been translated into various languages and banned by governments because many viewed them as anti-authoritarian.

9. La Nuit (Night).

Clue: *La Nuit*, Night in English, by Elie Wiesel is a nonfiction book about his own experiences as a Jewish boy living in Nazi-occupied Hungary and Auschwitz concentration camp. In 2017, many parents objected to their students reading *La Nuit* and essentially banned it from the curriculum.



10. Frankenstein.

Clue: *Frankenstein* is considered the first horror novel. It was published anonymously in 1818 and again in 1823 with the author's name, Mary Shelley. *Frankenstein* was banned in 1955 in South Africa for being "obscene" and containing "indecent" material.

11. Thoreau's Cabin.

Clue: Henry David Thoreau was an American philosopher and writer. He spent two years in a cabin near Walden Pond near Concord, Massachusetts, where he wrote his philosophical memoir *Walden*. His books were banned in the U.S. in the 1950s by Joseph McCarthy.

12. The Sun Also Rises.

Clue: *The Sun Also Rises* is one of the most popular works by American author and Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway. *The Sun Also Rises* has been banned repeatedly all over the world due to profanity and its themes promiscuity and decadence.

13. Rudyard Kipling.

Clue: Rudyard Kipling was a British writer best known for writing *The Jungle Book*. Several of his novels were banned in the Soviet Union from 1939-1941 for being imperialistic and anti-communist.

14. Ender's Game.

Clue: Orson Scott Card wrote *Ender's Game* in the mid-1980s. It takes place in a future version of Earth where a species of aliens have invaded and follows Andrew "Ender" Wiggin as he is trained to fight the aliens. *Ender's game* has been challenged in South Carolina schools for having inappropriate content.

15. Mary Wollstonecraft.

Clue: Mary Wollstonecraft was a writer and philosopher, best known for her treatise *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*. *Rights of Women* was put on the Index Librorum Prohibitorum, a list of prohibited books by the Vatican.

16. Langston Hughes.

Clue: Langston Hughes was an American poet and novelist. He was a notable figure in the Harlem Renaissance, a 1920s movement of interest and expansion of the African-American culture and society. In 2016, Texas prisons banned several of Hughes novels.

17. The Art of War.

Clue: Attributed to Sun Tzu, *The Art of War* contains advice on how to win battles against one's enemies. It was written more than 2500 years ago. *The Art of War* has been banned at prisons around the country.

18. Rights of Man.

Clue: Thomas Paine's *Rights of Man* is a highly influential piece of political philosophy. Published in 1791, it argued the necessity of revolution if the government did not serve its people. *Rights of Man* is one of the most frequently banned political books.

