

Year 8 English - Wider Reading

What is Wider Reading? Why is it important?

Choosing to read texts in your own time, that link to each school subject, can help you to find out more about the subject and deepen your interest. Here are some suggestions that link to what we will be studying each term.

You will be able to find copies of most texts in the Wills Library.

If you have any further suggestions, let your teacher know!

Terms 2 & 3: A Shakespeare Play

Fiction:

- Cue for Treason by Geoffrey Trease
- A Traveller in Time by Alison Uttley
- Mr William Shakespeare's Plays (Illustrated) by Marcia Williams
- Bold and Brave Women from Shakespeare by Becca Stadtlander
- Graphic novels of Shakespeare's plays
- Tales from Shakespeare by Charles and Mary Lamb

Podcasts:

- Shakespeare's Bookshelf - the books which inspired him on the BBC Sounds App

Drama:

- CBBC Performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream on BBC iPlayer

Term 5: Creative Writing - Exam Prep

Websites:

- <https://thinkwritten.com/365-creative-writing-prompts/>
- <https://blog.reedsy.com/creative-writing-prompts/>

Short stories:

- <https://theshortstory.co.uk/resources/free-short-stories/> - You could start with H.H.Munro (Saki) or Roald Dahl's stories.

Term 1: Short Stories

Websites:

- <https://theshortstory.co.uk/resources/free-short-stories/>
- https://www.neilgaiman.com/Cool_Stuff/Short_Stories

Fiction:

- Tales of the Unexpected by Roald Dahl
- Love Hurts by Malorie Blackman
- A Bit of Singing and Dancing by Susan Hill
- Here I Stand: Stories that Speak for Freedom by Various Authors
- Tales from Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan

Term 4: Poetry from Different Cultures

Poetry:

- Caribbean Dozen: Poems from 13 Caribbean Poets
- Writes of Passage: Words To Read Before You Turn 13 by Nicolette Jones

Fiction:

- The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Websites:

- www.poetrybyheart.org.uk
- <https://benjaminzephaniah.com/>

Term 6: Media Unit - The Power of Advertising

Websites:

- The 15 Ad Campaigns that made Marketing History:
<https://www.typeform.com/blog/ask-awesomely/ad-campaigns/>
- Guardian article about advertising:
<https://www.theguardian.com/media-network/2014/nov/18/nike-benetton-ten-powerful-adverts>

