

Year 9 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.

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

Term 3: A Shakespeare Play

Fiction:

- Cue for Treason by Geoffrey Trease
- A Traveller in Time by Alison Uttley

Podcasts:

- BBC Sounds App - Shakespeare's Bookshelf - the books which inspired him
- BBC Sounds App - In Our Time - The Tempest

Drama:

- Performance of Much Ado About Nothing on BBC iplayer
- 'On Cannibals'

Term 5: Creative Writing - Exam Prep

Websites:

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

Short stories:

- The Best Short Stories of 2021 edited by Chimimanda Ngozi Adichie
- <https://theshortstory.co.uk/resources/free-short-stories/> - You could start with H.H.Munro (Saki) or Roald Dahl's stories.

Terms 1 and 2: The Novel

Websites:

- The British Library - search the catalogue for articles about authors and texts
- TedEd - useful videos about the novel
- Massolit - sign up with your school e-mail address and search for your novel's title

Podcast

- BBC Sounds App: 'In Our Time' podcast- academics speak about various texts, writers and concepts

Fiction:

- 1984 by George Orwell
- Essays by George Orwell
- The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

Term 4: Conflict Poetry (GCSE)

About Poetry:

- The Ode Less Travelled: A Guide to Writing Poetry by Stephen Fry
- What Is Poetry?: The Essential Guide to Reading and Writing Poems by Michael Rosen

Podcasts:

The Guardian Children's Book Podcast - search for the poets in the anthology

Websites:

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

Term 6: Voices in Fiction and Non-Fiction

Non-fiction:

Hungry: A Memoir of Wanting More by Grace Dent

Fiction:

The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan

Podcasts:

The New Yorker Fiction Podcast

