



## Super Curriculum – English Literature KS3



### Reading:

- The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood
- Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- Lord of the Flies by Sir William Golding
- Context: Eats, Shoots and Leaves (Truss)
- Mother Tongue: The Story of the English Language (Stephen Fry)
- Shakespeare: All the World's a Stage (Bryson)
- The Shakespeare Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained
- Troublesome Words (Bryson)



### Watching:

- Watch a Shakespeare play of your choice and write a review.
- Watch the film production of the novel that you are watching.
- Watch live broadcasts of theatre productions.
- Use a map to plot the countries we have mentioned in English this year.
- Try to find a text that is located somewhere we have not 'covered.'



### Listening:

- Librivox: A free and vast selection of audiobooks in the public domain:  
<https://librivox.org/>
- Audible: From amazon.co.uk, this subscription site has an excellent range of audiobooks:  
[https://www.audible.co.uk/?source\\_code=M2M30DFT1BkSH11201400M2](https://www.audible.co.uk/?source_code=M2M30DFT1BkSH11201400M2)



- BBC Podcasts: The Tempest
- [https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03h6p\\_x5](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03h6p_x5)
- Gothic <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547>



### Doing:

- Read a newspaper and summarise five of the current news topics in your own words.
- Go for a walk. Write sensory description of your journey.
- Use a map to plot the countries we have mentioned in English this year.
- Try to find a text that is located somewhere we have not 'covered.'

### Year 7

- Aim to read a classic novel by Christmas. (Y7)
- Research further into Gothic Literature.
- Read other poems, short stories and novels in this genre.
- Read an abridged version of another Shakespeare play or watch a performance of a Shakespeare play.
- Lead a starter in one of your English lessons
- Learn a poem by heart - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

### Year 8

- Read another book by one of the authors that you have studied this year such as Jewell Parker- Rhodes.
- Do some further research into the Civil Rights Movement. Deliver a speech on what you have found to the rest of your class.
- Choose your favourite poet from the conflict poetry section and read more poems from this poet. Can you analyse one of them independently and show it to your teacher.
- Learn a poem by heart - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>
- Read a newspaper article every week



### Academic Enrichment:

- Join a Club
- Creative Writing Club (Girls – Year 8 – Fridays – H4)
- R. Russell Book Club (Girls – Year 7 – Mondays – Girls' LRC)
- E. Ryder BGS Book Award
- (Girls – Year 8 – Thursdays – U5) J. Elliott



### Competitions:

- Imagine! | Poetry
- Competition 11-18 Years <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/imagine>, Closing Date: Friday 18th December
- Essay Writing Competition.
- Writing about the BIG questions! Launching in January.
- Poetry Recital Competition Summer Term
- Performing Shakespeare <https://www.esu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Performing-Shakespeare-School-Handbook-2020-21.pdf>



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## KS4



### Reading:

- The list below is by no means exhaustive. A more comprehensive list can be obtained from The English Faculty.
- Atwood: *The Handmaid's Tale*
- Orwell: *1984*
- Faulks: *Birdsong*
- Fitzgerald: *The Great Gatsby*
- King: *The Shining*
- Palahniuk: *Fight Club*
- Stoker: *Dracula*
- Steinbeck: *The Grapes of Wrath*



### Watching:

- Shakespeare: *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, *King Lear*, *All's Well that Ends Well*, *Midsummer's Night Dream*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Thackeray - *Barry Lyndon*
- Jane Austen novels: *Northanger Abbey*, *Emma*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Persuasion*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Sense and Sensibility*.
- Dickens: *David Copperfield*, *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*
- Brontes - *Jane Eyre* (Emily), *Wuthering Heights* (Charlotte)
- Thomas Hardy – *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *Jude the Obscure*, *Far from the Madding Crowd*
- Aldous Huxley - *Brave New World*
- George Orwell – *1984*
- Hemingway - *For Whom the Bell Tolls*
- Fitzgerald - *Great Gatsby*
- Margaret Atwood - *Handmaid's Tale*
- Michael Ondaatje - *The English Patient*



## Listening:

- Shakespeare's Work <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546s8> Macbeth (Divine Right of Kings)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0080xph> The Prelude (Wordsworth)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00899w0> The Romantics
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546ws> Seamus Heaney
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p009mdcy> Tennessee Williams:
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p009n018> Vitalism (Frankenstein) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00dwhwt> Wuthering Heights:
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b095ptt5>

## Doing:

- Set yourself a target to read as many novels as possible by the end of the year.
- Read at least one other novel from each of the writers that you are studying.
- Read another play by Arthur Miller.
- Choose your favourite poet from the conflict poetry section and read more poems from this poet. Can you analyse one of them independently and show it to your teacher.
- Learn a poem by heart.
- Create a scrapbook of poetry you have enjoyed/find interesting
- Write an essay that answers a big question. e.g. "Who is the most influential British author of all time?"
- "Shakespeare is outdated and has no place in a modern curriculum. Discuss."
- Read reviews of current releases to stay ahead of what's happening in the world of literature today!
- Write your own short story.
- Listen to BBC Radio 4s book at bedtime to help you relax!
- Deliver an assembly on your favourite piece of literature



### **Academic Enrichment:**

- Debating Club (Boys – Year 11 – Tuesday Week 1B and Wednesday Week 2A – Boys' LRC) K.Lynch
- Debating Club (Girls – Year 9 – Week B Wednesdays, 1:25pm in U4)



### **Competitions:**

- Imagine! | Poetry
- Competition 11-18 Years <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/imagine>
- Closing Date: Friday 18th December
- Youth Speaks Year 11 March
- Oxford Schools' Debating Competition. Year 11 March



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## KS5



### Reading:

- Achebe: Things Fall Apart
- Austen: Pride and Prejudice
- De Maurier: Rebecca
- Bronte, C: Jane Eyre
- Faulks: Birdsong
- Gaskell: North and South
- Hardy: Tess of the D'Urbervilles
- Hosseini: The Kite Runner
- Ishiguro: Remains of the Day
- Roy: The God of Small Things
- Welsh: Transpotting
- Winterson: Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
- Understanding Poetry How to Read a Poem (Terry Eagleton)
- The Ode Less Travelled (Stephen Fry)
- Grammar and syntax · Grammar for Grown-Ups (Fry and Kirton)
- Journals The English Review (available in the library)



### Watching:

- Watch one of the following literary movies:
- Shakespeare: Macbeth, Hamlet, King Lear, All's Well that Ends Well, Midsummer's Night Dream, and Romeo and Juliet.
- Thackeray - Barry Lyndon
- Jane Austen novels: Northanger Abbey, Emma, Pride and Prejudice, Persuasion, Mansfield Park, and Sense and Sensibility.
- Dickens: David Copperfield, Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol
- Brontes - Jane Eyre (Emily), Wuthering Heights (Charlotte)
- Thomas Hardy – Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Jude the Obscure, Far from the Madding Crowd
- Aldous Huxley - Brave New World



- George Orwell - 1984
- Hemingway - For Whom the Bell Tolls
- Fitzgerald - Great Gatsby
- Margaret Atwood - Handmaid's Tale
- Michael Ondaatje - The English Patient



### Listening:

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- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b095ptt5>
- Dante's Inferno <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00f05zj>
- Decline and Fall (Evelyn Waugh) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01qmbsc>
- Hamlet <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09jqtf5>
- Henrik Ibsen <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b42q58>
- Four Quartets (T.S. Eliot) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0858w43>
- The Desert Island Discs podcast includes some interesting contextual background for several key authors including:
- Margaret Atwood <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0093713>
- Susan Hill: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0093ntm>
- Philip Larkin <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p009n018>
- Zadie Smith <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03bg4v7>
- John Updike <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0093pc1>





### Doing:

- Look for guidance on focused wider reading. There are several university websites aimed at sixth form students eg. <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/> or <https://nrich.maths.org/advancedstem/> (3)
- Complete a MOOC (massive open online courses). Online learning offers a new way to explore subjects you're passionate about eg. <https://www.futurelearn.com/> has many free courses.
- Find out about the latest research in different subject areas eg. <https://www.myheplus.com/>
- Read subject magazines/journals. The following literary magazines are excellent. <https://www.thewhitereview.org/> <https://www.theparisreview.org/> <https://www.litro.co.uk/> <http://www.ambitmagazine.co.uk/>
- Write an essay that answers a big question. e.g. "Who is the most influential British author of all time?"
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- Read reviews of current releases to stay ahead of what's happening in the world of literature today!
- Write your own short story.
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### Academic Enrichment:

- Essay Writing (Year 13 – Wednesdays – Weeks 1A and 2B – Period 5)  
K.Lynch
- BGS Book Award (Year 13 – Fridays – U5) J. Elliott



### Competitions:

- Public Speaking Competition Launching in January
- Essay Writing Competition