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A-Level

Your guide to reading beyond the classroom



Use this booklet as an opportunity to explore wider reading across all A-Level subjects.

This booklet includes fiction, non-fiction and enrichment to extend your knowledge and support exam success at A-Level.



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Why read beyond the classroom?

- Reading widely is one of the best ways to succeed at A-level.
- It deepens subject knowledge, giving you context and insights beyond your textbooks.
- It develops critical thinking as you compare different perspectives and arguments.
- It builds confidence, as examiners value students who show independent reading.
- It also strengthens university applications by demonstrating commitment to your subject.

20 IS PLENTY!

CHILDREN WHO READ FOR 20
MINUTES A DAY...

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will have a world of imagination and creativity opened up to them

Will have better general knowledge

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will improve their communication skills

Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve academic results

Will have reduced stress levels

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Subject Wider Reading Lists:

English Literature & English Language

Middle Ability

Fiction: *The Handmaid's Tale* – Margaret Atwood (1985)

Atonement – Ian McEwan (2001)

Non-Fiction: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* – Thomas C. Foster (2003)

Wider Reading: *Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction* – Jonathan Culler (1997)

Higher Ability

Fiction: *Beloved* – Toni Morrison (1987)

Mrs Dalloway – Virginia Woolf (1925)

Non-Fiction: *Orientalism* – Edward Said (1978)

Wider Reading: *The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism* – Vincent Leitch (ed.)

Maths

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: *Fermat's Last Theorem* – Simon Singh (1997)

The Music of the Primes – Marcus du Sautoy (2003)

Wider Reading: *Mathematics: A Very Short Introduction* – Timothy Gowers (2002)

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: *Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* – Douglas Hofstadter (1979)

The Princeton Companion to Mathematics – Timothy Gowers (ed.) (2008)

Wider Reading: Articles from Plus Maths magazine (online)



Chemistry

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Periodic Tales – Hugh Aldersey-Williams (2011)

Mendeleyev's Dream – Paul Strathern (2000)

Wider Reading: Chemistry: A Very Short Introduction – Peter Atkins (2015)

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Disappearing Spoon – Sam Kean (2010)

The Chemistry Book – Derek Lowe (2016)

Wider Reading: Articles from Chemistry World or New Scientist

Biology

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: The Selfish Gene – Richard Dawkins (1976)

Life Ascending – Nick Lane (2009)

Wider Reading: Biology: A Very Short Introduction – Terrence Allen & Graham Cowling (2011)

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Extended Phenotype – Richard Dawkins (1982)

The Vital Question – Nick Lane (2015)

Wider Reading: Nature and Scientific American articles

Geography

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Prisoners of Geography – Tim Marshall (2015)

Adventures in the Anthropocene – Gaia Vince (2014)

Wider Reading: Geography Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Collapse – Jared Diamond (2005)

The Shock of the Anthropocene – Christophe Bonneuil & Jean-Baptiste Fressoz (2016)

Wider Reading: Articles from The Economist



History

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome – Mary Beard (2015)

The Tudors – Peter Ackroyd (2012)

Wider Reading: History Today magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Age of Extremes – Eric Hobsbawm (1994)

Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945 – Tony Judt (2005)

Wider Reading: Journal of Historical Research

Politics & Law

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: The Politics Book – DK (2013)

How Democracy Ends – David Runciman (2018)

Wider Reading: Politics Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Road to Serfdom – Friedrich Hayek (1944)

Democracy in America – Alexis de Tocqueville (1835)

Wider Reading: Foreign Affairs journal

Economics

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Freakonomics – Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner (2005)

The Undercover Economist – Tim Harford (2005)

Wider Reading: The Economist magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Capital in the Twenty-First Century – Thomas Piketty (2013)

Misbehaving – Richard Thaler (2015)

Wider Reading: Journal of Economic Perspectives



Drama & Theatre Studies

Middle Ability

Plays: A Streetcar Named Desire – Tennessee Williams (1947)

Our Country's Good – Timberlake Wertenbaker (1988)

Non-Fiction: Theatre: A Very Short Introduction – Marvin Carlson (2011)

Wider Reading: Reviews in The Stage

Higher Ability

Plays: Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett (1953)

Top Girls – Caryl Churchill (1982)

Non-Fiction: The Empty Space – Peter Brook (1968)

Wider Reading: Modern Drama journal

Art & Design

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Ways of Seeing – John Berger (1972)

The Story of Art – E. H. Gombrich (1950)

Wider Reading: Tate Modern and V&A online resources

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Art Since 1900 – Hal Foster et al. (2004)

The Shock of the New – Robert Hughes (1980)

Wider Reading: Artforum journal

Music

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: This Is Your Brain on Music – Daniel Levitin (2006)

The Rest Is Noise – Alex Ross (2007)

Wider Reading: BBC Music Magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Musicophilia – Oliver Sacks (2007)

A History of Western Music – Grout & Palisca (2009 edition)

Wider Reading: Musical Times journal



Sociology

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Sociology: A Very Short Introduction – Steve Bruce (2000)

Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class – Owen Jones (2011)

Wider Reading: Sociology Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Sociological Imagination – C. Wright Mills (1959)

Risk Society – Ulrich Beck (1992)

Wider Reading: British Journal of Sociology

Psychology

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat – Oliver Sacks (1985)

Thinking, Fast and Slow – Daniel Kahneman (2011)

Wider Reading: Psychology Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Beyond Freedom and Dignity – B. F. Skinner (1971)

The Interpretation of Dreams – Sigmund Freud (1900)

Wider Reading: Journal of Experimental Psychology

Business & Computing

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: The Google Story – David A. Wise (2005)

The Upstarts – Brad Stone (2017)

Wider Reading: Business Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: The Innovator's Dilemma – Clayton Christensen (1997)

Superintelligence – Nick Bostrom (2014)

Wider Reading: Harvard Business Review and ACM Computing Surveys



Physical Education

Middle Ability

Non-Fiction: Bounce – Matthew Syed (2010)

The Sports Gene – David Epstein (2013)

Wider Reading: PE Review magazine

Higher Ability

Non-Fiction: Science of Sports Training – Thomas Kurz (2001)

Peak – Anders Ericsson & Robert Pool (2016)

Wider Reading: Journal of Sports Sciences

Useful links (also on our school website):

[CambridgeUniversitysuggestionsforA-level.pdf](#)



SUBJECT	USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT STUDY	WIDER READING FOR PLEASURE
Applied Science	<p><i>Pearson level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins • The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot • The Gene: An Intimate History by Siddhartha Mukherjee • Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body by Neil Shubin • Life on the Edge: The Coming of Age of Quantum Biology by Johnjoe McFadden and Jim Al-Khalili
Biology	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in Biology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca Learning • AQA A-level Biology Revision - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com) 	
Business	<p><i>WJEC Advanced GCE (A Level) in Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduqas • Tutor2U • Chapters. Pdfs • Own folders for Component 2 • R:\Curriculum\Business\WJEC A Level Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lean Startup by Eric Ries • Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Phil Knight • The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon by Brad Stone • Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell • Business Adventures by John Brooks
Chemistry	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in Chemistry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA A-level Chemistry Revision - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com) • Revision Guides chemrevise • AQA A Level Chemistry Revision Notes 2017 Save My Exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Disappearing Spoon by Sam Kean • Periodic Tales: A Cultural History of the Elements, from Arsenic to Zinc by Hugh Aldersey-Williams • Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 Molecules Changed History by Penny Le Couteur and Jay Burreson • Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood by Oliver Sacks • Molecules by Theodore Gray
Computer Science	<p><i>OCR Advanced GCE (A Level) in Computer Science</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Revise website • Craig and Dave Youtube videos • PG online textbook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code: The Hidden Language of Computer Hardware and Software by Charles Petzold • The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created



		<p>the Digital Revolution by Walter Isaacson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algorithms to Live By by Brian Christian and Tom Griffiths • Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution by Steven Levy • Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies by Nick Bostrom
<p>English Language</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in English Language</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams • Student textbooks • Mr Bruff—YouTube • <u>AQA A-Level English Language Past Papers - Revision World</u> • <u>CHILD LANGUAGE ACQUISITION: Key Theories - YouTube</u> • <u>English Language A Level Analysing CDS Features Paul Heselton - YouTube</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elements of Style by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White • Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation by Lynne Truss • Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis • The Language Instinct: How the Mind Creates Language by Steven Pinker • Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
<p>English Literature</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in English Literature</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams • Mr Bruff - YouTube • <u>AQA English AS and A-level English Literature B</u> • <u>Richard II Study Guide Literature Guide LitCharts</u> • <u>King Lear Study Guide Literature Guide LitCharts</u> • <u>The Great Gatsby Study Guide Literature Guide LitCharts</u> • <u>The Handmaid's Tale Study Guide Literature Guide LitCharts</u> • <u>‘The Kite Runner’ by Khaled Hosseini: context, themes, characters! *REVISE* Narrator: Barbara Njau - YouTube</u> • <u>The Kite Runner Analysis- Themes, Motifs, Characters, Historical Context and Narrative Techniques - YouTube</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster • The Hero with a Thousand Faces by Joseph Campbell • Shakespeare: The World as a Stage by Bill Bryson • Reading Like a Writer by Francine Prose • The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the Nineteenth-Century Literary Imagination by Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar



<p>Geography</p>	<p><i>Edexcel Advanced GCE (A Level) in Geography B</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEAMs- all lesson resources • PMT online essential notes: • Edexcel A-level Geography Revision - PMT (physicsandmathstutor.com) • Internetgeography.co.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall • Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World by Hans Rosling • The Power of Geography: Ten Maps That Reveal the Future of Our World by Tim Marshall • The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World by Jeff Goodell • How to Lie with Maps by Mark Monmonier • Disaster by Choice- available to borrow from G14. Explains the complex issues linked to earthquake hazards (Haiti case study)
<p>German</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in German</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topical word lists: https://quizlet.com/gb/198526540/aqa-german-a-level-flash-cards/ • Grammar and translation revision from Grammar & Translation Workbook • Grammar revision • https://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html • https://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/ • Exam technique - exam-style questions completed in class and as homework. 	



History	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in History</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbooks • Revision guides (links on Teams) • AQA assessment materials and past papers (available on Teams) Seneca • Historical Association (HA) guides on essay writing, using sources and reading (links on Teams). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA 1C (Tudors) Reading and Resource List. • AQA 20 (Germany) Reading and Resource List.
Maths	<p><i>Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Mathematics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activelearn/Pearson Textbook • Integral.com • DrFrostMaths.com • Particularly recommend the ‘full coverage’ collections of questions • TL maths https://sites.google.com/view/tlmaths/home • Can also do topic refreshers • Your notes! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking by Jordan Ellenberg • The Joy of x: A Guided Tour of Math, from One to Infinity by Steven Strogatz • Fermat’s Enigma: The Epic Quest to Solve the World’s Greatest Mathematical Problem by Simon Singh • The Math Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained by DK • Alex’s Adventures in Numberland by Alex Bellos • Numberphile https://www.numberphile.com/
Further Maths	<p><i>Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Further Mathematics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activelearn/Pearson Textbook • Integral.com • DrFrostMaths.com • Particularly recommend the ‘full coverage’ collections of questions • Can also do topic refreshers • Your notes! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking by Jordan Ellenberg • The Joy of x: A Guided Tour of Math, from One to Infinity by Steven Strogatz • Fermat’s Enigma: The Epic Quest to Solve the World’s Greatest Mathematical Problem by Simon Singh • The Math Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained by DK • Alex’s Adventures in Numberland by Alex Bellos



<p>Media Studies</p>	<p><i>WJEC Eduqas Advanced GCE (A Level) in Media Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams • You Tube: Mrs Fisher Mrs Fisher - YouTube • AS and A Level Media Studies Eduqas • A-Level Media Studies Revision - YouTube 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business by Neil Postman • Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man by Marshall McLuhan • The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains by Nicholas Carr • Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media by Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky • The Media and Modernity: A Social Theory of the Media by John B. Thompson
<p>PE</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in Physical Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA Paper 1 Workbook- all students have own copy of this • AQA PE Revision book • Lesson notes and photocopies • Past exam question Ppoint- Paper 1 found in: Teams/Student resources/ A Level/ Year 13/ Paper 1-PE exam questions-complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain by John J. Ratey • The Sports Gene: Inside the Science of Extraordinary Athletic Performance by David Epstein • Born to Run by Christopher McDougall • Bounce: The Myth of Talent and the Power of Practice by Matthew Syed • The Champion's Mind: How Great Athletes Think, Train, and Thrive by Jim Afremow
<p>Physics</p>	<p><i>Pearson Advanced GCE (A Level) in Physics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA A Level Physics (alevelphysicsonline.com) • A level Physics notes (free) - detailed notes covering all core topics (physicstutoronline.co.uk) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson • A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking • Seven Brief Lessons on Physics by Carlo Rovelli • The Elegant Universe by Brian Greene • The Feynman Lectures on Physics by Richard P. Feynman



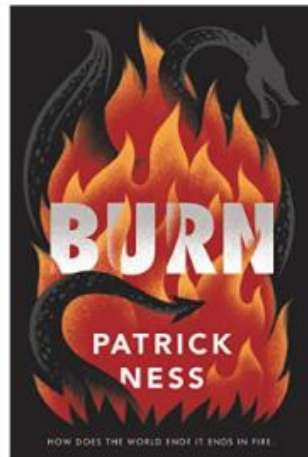
<p>Psychology</p>	<p><i>Pearson Advanced GCE (A Level) in Psychology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student resources in Psychology MS Teams • Psychology Wizard website - PSYCHOLOGY WIZARD • Edexcel website: Edexcel AS and A level Psychology 2015 Pearson qualifications • www.revisely/alevel/psychology/edexcel • Textbook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman • The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat by Oliver Sacks • Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain • Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion by Robert B. Cialdini • The Psychology of Mindset by Carol S. Dweck • Psychology review magazine
<p>RE</p>	<p><i>OCR Advanced GCE (A Level) in Religious Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed revision checklist provided in lessons at the end of November • Revision resources uploaded onto teams under "class files" • Links to additional online revision resources • A Level Philosophy & Religious Studies (alevelphilosophyandreligion.com) • https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/religious-studies-level-revision • OCR A level Religious Studies, exams from 2017/8 (rsrevision.com) • Audiobook (thepanpsycast.com) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins • A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam by Karen Armstrong • God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything by Christopher Hitchens • The Case for God by Karen Armstrong • The World's Religions by Huston Smith • Philosophy of Religion by John Hick • A History of Western Philosophy by Bertrand Russell • Ethics: A Very Short Introduction by Simon Blackburn • Practical Ethics by Peter Singer • Christianity: A Very Short Introduction by Linda Woodhead • The Problem of God by John Hick



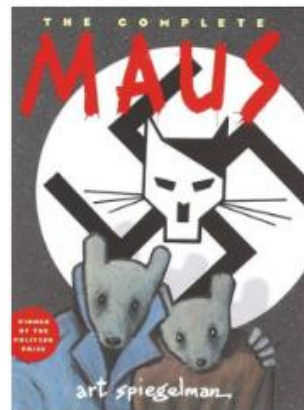
<p>Sociology</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in Sociology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students have their AQA A level Book 2 textbook • Tutor2u have a range of revision videos which students can access: • https://www.tutor2u.net/live/aqa-a-level-sociology-advance-info-2022-revision-blast-beliefs-theories-of-religion • https://www.tutor2u.net/live/a-level-sociology-exam-skills-live-secularisation-beliefs-in-society • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections/crime-and-deviance-student-revision-videos • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/research-methods-in-sociology-quantitative-and-qualitative-methods • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/sociological-theory-marxism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology: A Very Short Introduction by Steve Bruce • The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference by Malcolm Gladwell • The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett • Animal Farm by George Orwell • 1984 by George Orwell • Flowers For Algernon by Daniel Keyes • Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class by Owen Jones • Invisible Women by Caroline Criado Perez
<p>Spanish</p>	<p><i>AQA Advanced GCE (A Level) in Spanish</i></p> <p>Specific topical word lists: https://quizlet.com/garciajnestonhigh/folders/aqa-a-level-spanish/sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense endings, use and formation from verb booklet. Boost e-book: topical revision and grammar glossary at the end of the textbook. https://boost-learning.com • Verb endings: https://www.spanishdict.com/guide 	



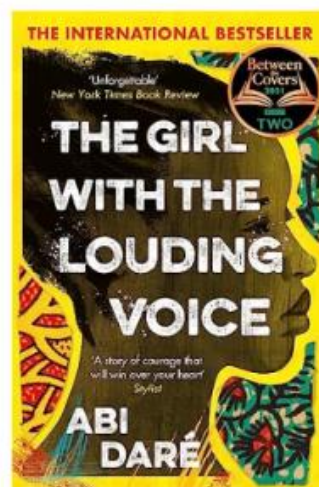
RECOMMENDED READS SIXTH FORM



"Burn" by Patrick Ness is a supernatural thriller set in an alternate 1950s, where a young girl named Sarah meets a dragon and becomes entangled in a conflict involving her fate, the future of humanity, and an impending apocalypse. As she grapples with power, destiny, and survival, Sarah must choose whether to trust the mysterious forces surrounding her.



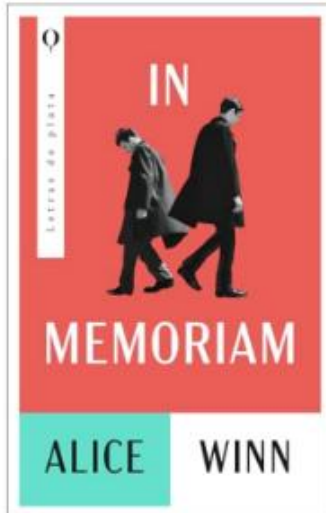
"Maus" by Art Spiegelman is a graphic novel that tells the harrowing story of the Holocaust through the eyes of the author's father, Vladek, a Jewish survivor, while also reflecting on Art's own relationship with his father. The book uses anthropomorphic animals—Jews as mice and Nazis as cats—to convey the brutality of history and the emotional toll of trauma across generations.



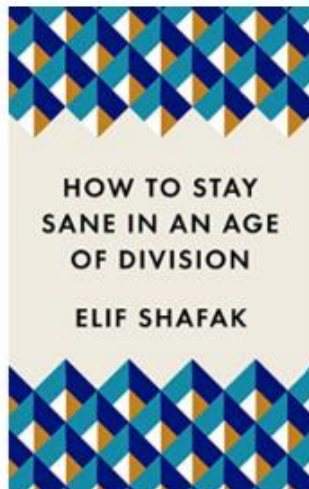
"The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare follows Adunni, a 14-year-old Nigerian girl, who dreams of an education and a better life despite being forced into an oppressive marriage and servitude. Her powerful voice and determination to fight for her dreams lead her on a courageous journey to reclaim her voice and agency in a world that tries to silence her.



RECOMMENDED READS SIXTH FORM



"In Memoriam" by Alice Winn is a poignant coming-of-age novel set against the backdrop of World War I, where two young men, Henry and James, form a deep bond as they navigate the horrors of war, love, and loss. Their relationship, both tender and tragic, explores themes of identity, loyalty, and the emotional cost of war.



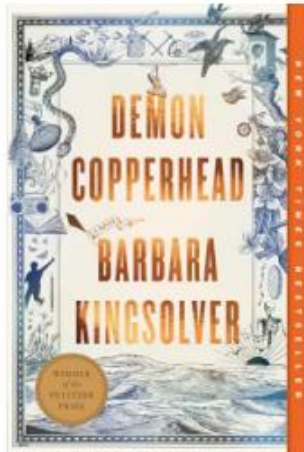
"How to Stay Sane in an Age of Division" by Elif Shafak offers a reflective and insightful exploration of how to maintain mental and emotional well-being in a polarized world, blending personal reflections with philosophical and literary wisdom. Shafak encourages readers to cultivate empathy, engage with difference, and seek balance amidst the noise of contemporary life.



"Wifedom" by Anna Funder delves into the life of feminist icon and author Eileen O'Shaughnessy, examining the complexities of her marriage to her controlling and dismissive husband, George Orwell. Funder paints a portrait of Eileen's genius, resilience, and the psychological toll of living in the shadow of a deeply problematic relationship, highlighting the often invisible struggles of women behind great literary achievements.



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"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver is a modern reimaging of David Copperfield, following the life of a boy named Damon, born into poverty in rural Appalachia, who struggles to overcome abuse, addiction, and systemic neglect. Through Damon's journey of resilience and self-discovery, Kingsolver tackles themes of class, identity, and the impact of social and environmental decay.



"Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie tells the story of the Nigerian Civil War (Biafran War) through the intertwined lives of three characters: Ugwu, a houseboy working for a revolutionary intellectual; Olanna, a privileged woman who becomes involved in the struggle; and Richard, a British expatriate and lover to Olanna's twin sister. Through their perspectives, Adichie explores the personal and political devastation wrought by war, colonialism, and ethnic conflict.



"The Manningtree Witches" by A.K. Blakemore is a historical novel set during the English witch trials of the 17th century, centered on the village of Manningtree where a young woman, Rebecca West, becomes entangled in the accusations of witchcraft. Blakemore crafts a haunting narrative about power, fear, and the dangers of societal scapegoating, while exploring themes of gender and oppression in a deeply patriarchal society.