

Wider Reading

What is wider reading and how will it stretch and challenge you? [What does 'wider reading' mean? : Unifrog Blog](#)

Subject: English

Year 7		
Half term	Topic	Text
1	<i>Private Peaceful</i> by Michael Morpurgo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podcast: Michael Morpurgo Podcast (booksupnorth.com) • Other books by Morpurgo plus information about the author: Home - Michael Morpurgo Official Site • Other fiction books set during WW1: Top Ten / Children's and Young Adult Books Set During WWI – Pretty Books • Non-fiction reading: The teenage soldiers of World War One - BBC News • Joining up To Fight In The First World War Imperial War Museums (iwm.org.uk) • Hidden WWI: Teenagers At War - Rife Magazine • Documentary- A collection of interviews with World War One veterans and civilians filmed in the 1960s: BBC iPlayer - The Great War Interviews • Poetry: World War I: Poetry by Year by The Editors Poetry Foundation
2	Writing to Describe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides: Descriptive writing - Descriptive Writing - Higher English Revision - BBC Bitesize • Describe.pdf (wjec.co.uk) • Supplementary Work-pack: CP-Eng-sample.pdf (hoddereducation.co.uk)
	World War 1 at Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-fiction reading: The Real Story Of The Christmas Truce Of 1914 Imperial War Museums (iwm.org.uk) • The Story of the WWI Christmas Truce History Smithsonian Magazine • Documentary: (85) The Christmas Truce in 1914 History - I Was There: The Great War Interviews - YouTube • (85) Silent Night: The Story Of The Christmas Truce WW1 Christmas Truce Timeline - YouTube • Poetry: Carol Ann Duffy: The Christmas Truce Stop the War (stopwar.org.uk)
3	<i>Boy</i> by Roald Dahl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podcast: Seriously... - Roald Dahl: In His Own Words - BBC Sounds • Non-fiction reading: The dark side of Roald Dahl - BBC Culture • To Olivia: The heartbreaking true story behind Roald Dahl movie BT TV • Roald Dahl Cardiff, Llandaff, Laugharne, Tenby Visit Wales • Roald Dahl's wonderful Wales: how growing up Welsh moulded the Anglo-Norwegian writer (theconversation.com) • Roald Dahl: A Norwegian Lifestyle Literary Traveler • Documentary: (85) The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl - BBC Documentary 2016 - YouTube • Books: Dahl, Roald. <i>Going Solo</i>. New York: Farrar, Straus, 1986. • Dahl, Roald. <i>The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More</i>. New York: Knopf, 1977.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roald Dahl books list • Roald Dahl Facts • Website: Roald Dahl Fans – Fan site for author Roald Dahl (1916-1990)
4	Letter writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides: How to write a formal letter for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize • Functional Skills: Writing a Formal Letter - Wakelet • Supplementary work-pack: Letter writing task sheets Skillsworkshop
	Environment in the global world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC documentary: Drowning in Plastic - Watch Free Online (documentarymania.com) • Non-fiction reading: Plans unveiled to ban single-use plastics - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) • Fact Sheet: Single Use Plastics - Earth Day • Our meat obsession is destroying the planet – the solution is to change how we see animals (theconversation.com) • What can I do to stop climate change? Greenpeace UK • What can I do to stop climate change? Friends of the Earth • Documentaries about other environmental issues: <i>Seaspiracy</i>, Netflix; <i>Cowspiracy</i>, Netflix
5	Performance Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video clip: English Language KS3/KS4: Music in Performance Poetry - BBC Teach • Websites: Young Poets Network (poetrysociety.org.uk) • Watch : Apples and Snakes • Competitions: Competitions – Young Poets Network (poetrysociety.org.uk) • Examples: 20 classic poems for performance (booktrust.org.uk)
	Shakespeare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Websites: William Shakespeare Biography • The complete works of Shakespeare: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (mit.edu) • Watch Shakespeare plays online: Where to Watch EVERY Shakespeare Play The Mary Sue • Non-fiction reading: Shakespeare - KS3 English - BBC Bitesize • Shakespedia (shakespeare.org.uk) • Video clips: (85) Introducing Shakespeare i.am.Will Shakespeare BBC Teach - YouTube • (85) Shakespeare's Theatre i.am.Will Shakespeare BBC Teach - YouTube • (85) Shakespeare's World i.am.Will Shakespeare BBC Teach - YouTube • (85) Insults by Shakespeare - YouTube • (85) Sensational Shakespeare All about Shakespeare! Horrible Histories - YouTube • Link to previous learning: (85) Hip-Hop & Shakespeare? Akala at TEDxAldeburgh - YouTube • Books: Go and see Mrs Hubbard in the Learning Hub- we have many plays in their original form, abridged and in graphic novels and comics • Podcasts: Stories inspired by some of Shakespeare’s plays: Shakespeare Retold (podcast) - School Radio Listen Notes
6	19 th Century fictional characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiction: <i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte • <i>Silas Marner</i> by George Elliot • <i>Tess of the D’Urbervilles</i> by Thomas Hardy • <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> by Daniel Defoe

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Websites: Jane Austen Centre and Jane Austen Online Gift Shop – JaneAusten.co.uk• Charlotte Brontë Bronte Parsonage Museum• George Eliot Archive - Home · George Eliot Archive• The Thomas Hardy Society• Podcast: Listen to our brand new podcast series all about Victorian jobs! - Fun Kids - the UK's children's radio station (funkidslive.com)• Documentaries: Documentaries To Watch If You're Interested In... The Victorian Era - Filmhounds Magazine |
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Year 8

Half term	Topic	Text
1	<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books: 1984 by George Orwell • Dystopian fiction: The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins • Uglies by Scott Westerfield • The Maze Runner by James Dashner • Websites: The Orwell Foundation • Websites and Other Resources - Dystopia for YA Readers - LibGuides at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis- LIS Site • Documentaries: Parental Guidance recommended: The 10 Best Documentaries About the Future Highsnobiety • Non-fiction reading: <i>Artificial Intelligence: Building Smarter Machines</i> by Stephanie Sammartino McPherson • Racial Profiling by Marie Behnke
2	Narrative writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Websites: Writing Skills - Creative and narrative writing - BBC Bitesize • Narrative Writing: How to Understand and Master It (self-publishingschool.com) • 111 Narrative Writing Prompts (Awesomely Clever Prompts) (authority.pub) • Enrichment club: Mrs Walker's Carnegie Book Club • Podcasts: Goosebuds is a podcast looking into the work of RL Stine and the Goosebumps books: Goosebuds (libsyn.com) • Audible is a paid subscription service to listen to fiction, nonfiction and podcasts. It's an amazing way to read. YouTube also has many audio books for free.
3	<i>Adrian Mole</i> by Sue Townsend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other works by Townsend: Sue Townsend - Book Series In Order • Readalikes: Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison • The True and Outstanding Adventure of The Hunt Sisters by Elisabeth Robinson • Non-fiction: The Diary of Young Girl by Anne Frank • My Fat, Mad Teenage Diary by Rae Earl • Watch: (148) The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Episode 1 - YouTube • Documentary: (148) The Secret Life Of Sue Townsend - YouTube • Podcast: Once Upon A Time: A Storytelling Podcast: "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Age 13 3/4" with Luke Blaylock on Apple Podcasts A retelling of the story- comedy
4	Speech Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonfiction: 100 Speeches that roused the world by Colin Salter • Speak Up!: Speeches by young people to empower and inspire • Websites: How to write a speech for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize • The Top 10 Famous Speeches That Stand the Test of Time The Manual • 21 Uplifting and Powerful Famous Speeches That You Can't Miss - Lifehack • Videos: Youtube has many memorable speeches for free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Martin Luther King - I Have A Dream Speech - August 28, 1963 - YouTube ○ WE SHALL NEVER SURRENDER speech by Winston Churchill (We Shall Fight on the Beaches) - YouTube ○ C-SPAN: Barack Obama Speech at 2004 DNC Convention - YouTube

5	Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonfiction reading: The Flowergirls of 1851 Spitalfields Life • What does your accent say about you? - BBC Future • Does your accent make you sound smarter? - BBC Worklife • YouGov ranked the best and worst accents in the British Isles and it's sparked debate indy100 • Websites: Dictionary of Victorian London - Victorian History - 19th Century London - Social History • Theatre in the 19th century The British Library (bl.uk) • 'Dirty Old London': A History Of The Victorians' Infamous Filth : NPR • The Greatest 19th Century Playwrights (thefamouspeople.com) • 19th Century fiction: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson • Little Women by Louisa May Alcott • Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carrol
6	Poetry from difficult cultures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More poems: Edward Kamau Brathwaite: Limbo • Nothing's Changed' by Tatamkhulu Afrika • Search for my Tongue' by Sujata Bhatt • Half Caste' by John Agard • Blessing' by Imtiaz Dharker • Flag' by John Agard • 'Night of the Scorpion' by Nissim Ezekie • Websites: Poems From Other Cultures & Traditions Revision World • Heritage and Identity: Poems for Teens Academy of American Poets • Lonely Planet Travel Guides & Travel Information - Lonely Planet • Video: BBC GCSE Bitesize Revision - English - Poetry from Different Cultures (2003) - YouTube • Podcast: World of Wonder on Apple Podcasts

Year 9

Half term	Topic	Text
1	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other novels by John Steinbeck: <i>The Pearl</i>; <i>Grapes of Wrath</i>; <i>East of Eden</i> • Websites: The American Dream in the 1920s & 30s - Cultural History of the United States (weebly.com) • The Great Depression, 1929-1933 - CCEA - GCSE History Revision - CCEA - BBC Bitesize • Fiction: <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F.Scott Fitzgerald • Non-fiction reading: <i>Bonnie and Clyde</i> by Karen Blumenthal • <i>We Should All Be Feminists</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie • "Dust Bowl Diary" by Ann Marie Low • The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass • Graphic book non-fiction: <i>The Great American Dust Bowl</i> by Don Brown • Videos: (162) Great Depression, What Was Life Actually Like - YouTube • (162) Weird Foods People Ate to Get Through the Great Depression - YouTube • Documentary: (162) John Steinbeck documentary - YouTube
2	Narrative writing	<p>Recommended reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> by John Green • <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak • <i>Witch Child</i> by Celia Rees • <i>The Turn of the Screw</i> by Henry James • <i>THE BOX OF DEMONS</i> BY DANIEL WHELAN
3	<i>The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</i> by Dashka Slater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: The 57 Bus Dashka Slater • Articles by Dashka Slater: Articles Dashka Slater • Podcasts: Episode 65: Dashka Slater On Turning News Into Inspiration - The Writers Grotto (sfgrotto.org) • Dashka Slater (bookpage.com) • On the 57 bus, a true-crime story of gender, race, class, and growing up KALW • Nonfiction articles: This Book Will Challenge Everything You Thought You Knew About Hate Crimes – Mother Jones • Should Schools Teach LGBT Tolerance? by Samuel Hutchinson Age of Awareness Medium • What is a race hate crime? - CBBC Newsround • The hidden truth behind race crimes in Britain Race The Guardian • Non-fiction reading: <i>Black Birds in the Sky</i> by Brandy Colbert • Graphic book non-fiction: <i>Almost American Girl</i> by Robin Ha
4	Article writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places to read articles: • Resources Topical Talk (economistfoundation.org) • Homepage - The Day • https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround • Twinkl NewsRoom Latest Kid News Articles News Report For Children • The Week Junior Newsroom The Week Junior Schools

5	Shakespeare: <i>Macbeth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles and work pack: Microsoft Word - MACBETH WIDER READING BOOKLET (wordpress.com) • British-Library-Extracts-on-Macbeth.pdf (alderbrookschoo.co.uk)
6	Inspirational Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-fiction reading: <i>A Thousand Sisters</i> by Elizabeth Wein • <i>THE BELOVED WORLD OF SONIA SOTOMAYOR</i> BY SONIA SOTOMAYOR • <i>CLAUDETTE COLVIN: TWICE TOWARD JUSTICE</i> BY PHILIP HOOSE • <i>QUEER, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE</i> BY SARAH PRAGER • <i>RADIOACTIVE: HOW IRÈNE CURIE AND LISE MEITNER REVOLUTIONIZED SCIENCE AND CHANGED THE WORLD</i> BY WINIFRED CONKLING

Year 10 and 11

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<p><i>Blood Brothers</i> by Willy Russell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blog: Why I love...Exploring Blood Brothers for our highest ability students – susansenglish (wordpress.com) • Guide and work pack: Microsoft Word - Blood Brothers Course Booklet.docx (yourfavouriteteacher.com) • Lit charts: Study Guide - Lit Chart - Blood Brothers.pdf (whitbyhigh.org) • Copy of the play: Blood brothers (1).pdf (arkelvinacademy.org) • Context work: Microsoft Word - Blood Brothers revision booklet NEW (unfinished).doc (tgacademy.org.uk) • Documentaries: (188) Liverpool .Our Liverpool Home (1978) - YouTube • (188) The History of Liverpool (Full Documentary) - YouTube • Facing Redundancy 1980s UK British Industry What next? TV Eye 1981 - YouTube <p>Other works by Willy Russell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Our Day Out</i> (made-for-TV film 1976, musical stage version, 2010) • <i>Educating Rita</i> (play 1980, film 1983) • <i>Shirley Valentine</i> (play 1986, film 1989) • <i>Terraces</i> (BBC TV film 1993) • <i>The Wrong Boy</i> (first novel, 2000) • <i>Hoovering the Moon</i> (music album, 2003)
<p><i>A Christmas Carol</i> Charles Dickens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles and work pack: Microsoft Word - ACC WIDER READING BOOKLET (wordpress.com) • Articles: How did A Christmas Carol come to be? - BBC Culture • Malthusianism - Wikipedia • A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens Charles Dickens Info • Spectral pleasures Books The Guardian • A Christmas Carol is not cosy, and its angry message should still haunt us Charles Dickens The Guardian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Told Uncomfortable Truths About Victorian Society, But Does it Have Anything to Teach Us Today? - Oxford Royale Academy (oxford-royale.com) • Videos: Dickens the performer The British Library (bl.uk) • (188) Why should you read Charles Dickens? - Iseult Gillespie - YouTube • Documentaries: The Victorian Slum, BBC- The Victorian Slum BBC S01E01 The1860s part 1/2 - video Dailymotion • (188) Charles Dickens: The Greatest Victorian Novelist - YouTube • Recommended reads: What to Read After... A Christmas Carol BookTrust • Film: <i>The Man Who Invented Christmas</i> A story of Dickens and how he came to write <i>A Christmas Carol</i> • Other works by Dickens: Charles Dickens bibliography - Wikipedia 		
<p><i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles: Wider-Reading-for-Romeo-and-Juliet.pdf (douglaswise.co.uk) • Wider Reading – Drama: 'Romeo and Juliet' William Shakespeare Chloe Watson English Literature (wordpress.com) • Work booklet context: rj-aim-higher-booklet.pdf (wordpress.com) • If you liked <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>: If you liked Romeo & Juliet, try reading... – Awaken English • Other works by Shakespeare: Shakespeare Folger Shakespeare Library • Documentaries: (188) William Shakespeare: The Greatest Playwright - YouTube • What was life like in the court of Elizabeth I? History - Elizabethan England - YouTube • Films: Recommended watch (closest to actual text): Franco Zeffirelli's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> (1968) • Just for fun: Baz Luhrmann's <i>Romeo + Juliet</i> (1996) • Zombie romantic comedy <i>Warm Bodies</i> (2013) • Comedy- BBC Two - Upstart Crow • Romeo & Juliet (2013); 'traditional' adaptation of the play, with text adapted by Julian Fellowes • <i>Gnomeo & Juliet</i> (2011) • Narrative poetry: The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet- Arthur Brooke The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet - Arthur Brooke - Google Books • Biography: <i>Shakespeare-</i> Bill Bryson • Watch: Royal Shakespeare Company RSC 		
<p>Language: Fiction</p>	<p>Classics: Great Expectations / Charles Dickens War of the Worlds / The Time Machine / H G Wells The Three Musketeers / Alexandre Dumas The Lost World / Hound of the Baskervilles / Sir Arthur Conan Doyle The Lord of the Rings Trilogy / J R R Tolkien Iron Man / Ted Hughes Little Women / Louisa May Alcott Pride and Prejudice / Jane Austen On the Road / Jack Kerouac Robinson Crusoe / Daniel Defoe East of Eden / John Steinbeck</p>	<p>Crime & Mystery / Adventure The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time / Mark Haddon Lionboy / Zizou Corder Girl Missing / Sophie McKenzie Hacker / Malorie Blackman Noughts and Crosses / Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Real Life Issues Crongton Knights / Alex Wheatle Terror Kid / Benjamin Zephaniah</p>	<p>Dystopian Fiction Dust / Hugh Howey The Giver / Lois Lowry The Day of the Triffids / John Wyndham Plague 99 / Jean Ure Divergent / Veronica Roth Dune / Frank Herbert Fahrenheit 451 / Ray Bradbury</p> <p>Fantasy City of Bones / Cassandra Clare</p>

	<p>Swallows and Amazons / Arthur Ransome To Kill a Mockingbird / Harper Lee Far from the Madding Crowd / Thomas Hardy The Great Gatsby / F. Scott Fitzgerald Lord of the Flies / William Golding An Inspector Calls / JB Priestly</p> <p>Science Fiction The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy / Douglas Adams A Wrinkle in time / Madeleine L'Engle I, Robot / Isaac Asimov 2001 : A Space Odyssey / Arthur C Clarke</p> <p>History The Help / Kathryn Stockett Bird Song / Sebastian Faulks Maus / Art Spiegelman Name of the Rose / Umberto Eco Goodnight Mr Tom / Michelle Magorian Carrie's War / Nina Bawden Sweet Clarinet / James Riordan The Silver Sword / Ian Serraillier Coram Boy / Jamila Gavin The Kite Runner / Khaled Hosseini Catch-22 / Joseph Heller</p>	<p>George / Alex Gino THUG / Angie Thomas The Girl in the Broken Mirror / Savita Kalhan Run, Riot / Nikesh Shukla I am Thunder and I won't Keep Quiet / Muhammad Khan</p> <p>Animal Stories Watership Down / Richard Adams Blitzcat / Robert Westall Life of Pi / Yan Martel</p> <p>Horror Dracula / Bram Stoker Frankenstein / Mary Shelley The Woman in Black / Susan Hill</p> <p>Short Stories / Anthologies A Change is Gonna Come / Various Authors Proud / Various Authors The Thing around your Neck / Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Love Hurts / Various Authors Smoke and Mirrors / Neil Gaiman</p>	<p>His Dark Materials Trilogy / Philip Pullman Game of Thrones / George RR Martin Wolf Brother / Michelle Paver The Wolves of Willoughby Chase / Joan Aiken The Spiderwick Chronicles / Tony Di Terlizzi & Holly Black Eragon / Christopher Paolini Coraline / Neil Gaiman Pet / Akwaeke Emezi</p> <p>Novels in Verse / Poetry Rebound / Kwame Alexander The Poet X / Elizabeth Acevedo Clap when you Land / Elizabeth Acevedo Long Way Down / Jason Reynolds A Poem for Every Day of the Year / Allie Esiri</p>
<p>Language: Non-fiction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers/news sites: www.bbc.co.uk • The Telegraph - Telegraph Online, Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph - Telegraph • News The Independent Today's headlines and latest breaking news • inews.co.uk - For Open Minds • News, sport and opinion from the Guardian's UK edition The Guardian <p>High-Quality Non-Fiction books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How Dare The Sun Rise</i> by Sandra Uwiringiyimana • <i>ALICE PAUL AND THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS: FROM THE VOTE TO THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT</i> BY DEBORAH KOPS • <i>AMERICANIZED: REBEL WITHOUT A GREEN CARD</i> BY SARA SAEDI 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BLOOD, BULLETS, AND BONES: THE STORY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE</i> BY BRIDGET HEOS • <i>ENCHANTED AIR: TWO CULTURES, TWO WINGS</i> BY MARGARITA ENGLE • <i>GIRL CODE: GAMING, GOING VIRAL, AND GETTING IT DONE</i> BY ANDREA GONZALES AND SOPHIE HOUSER • <i>GIRL RISING</i> BY TONYA LEE STONE • <i>LAUGHING AT MY NIGHTMARE</i> BY SHANE BURCAW • <i>MAKE IT MESSY: MY PERFECTLY IMPERFECT LIFE</i> BY MARCUS SAMUELSSON • My Family and Other Animals / Gerald Durrell • I Am Malala / Malala Yousafzai
Spoken Language	<p>Videos: How I Overcame My Fear of Public Speaking Danish Dhamani TEDxKids@SMU - Bing video Bad Public Speaking Example 1 - Bing video How To Start Your Speech (3 excellent openings) - Bing video</p> <p>Websites: Famous Speeches: A List of the Greatest Speeches of All-Time (jamesclear.com) 21 Uplifting and Powerful Famous Speeches That You Can't Miss - Lifehack</p>
Anthology Poetry Unseen Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry- Riya Chowdhury Elanor Chuah and Joe Manners • Rhythm and Poetry by Karl Nova • Red, Cherry Red by Jackie Kay • In Time of War (edited by Anne Harvey) • The Penguin Book of First World War Poetry • Scars Upon My Heart: Women’s Poetry and Verse of the First World War (edited by Catherine W. Reilly) • Up the Line to Death: War Poets, 1914-18 (edited by Brian Gardner) • HUGHES Ted Collected Poems of Ted Hughes • Crow What is the Truth? HUGHES Ted and HEANEY Seamus (editors) • The Rattle Bag HUGHES Ted and HEANEY Seamus (editors) • The School Bag ZEPHANIAH Benjamin Propa Propaganda Talking Turkeys Wicked World • Websites: The Poetry Society – Connecting you to the transformative power of poetry • Poetry Books The Guardian

**A-Level/Further
Education wider reading**

- And Still I Rise – Maya Angelou (Poetry)
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest – Ken Kesey (Prose)
- Slaughterhouse Five – Kurt Vonnegut (Prose)
- Song of Solomon – Toni Morrison (Prose)
- The Bell Jar – Sylvia Plath (Prose)
- The World’s Wife – Carol Ann Duffy (Poetry)
- Top Girls – Caryl Churchill (Drama)
- The Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams (Drama)
- A Clockwork Orange – Anthony Burgess (Prose)
- The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald (Prose)
- Brighton Rock – Graham Greene (prose)
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley (Prose)
- Non-fiction: Journeys to Impossible Places: In Life and Every Adventure by Simon Reeve (author)
- Non-fiction: The Salt Path (Paperback), Raynor Winn (author)
- Non-fiction: This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor (Paperback) Adam Kay (author)
- Non-fiction: Shackleton (Paperback) Ranulph Fiennes (author)