

Year 11 Transition to A Level English Literature

Reading List

1. Make a start on set texts:

Frankenstein (Mary Shelley) (You can also listen to the audiobook of Frankenstein for free on Audible, along with a selection of other 'classic' texts [Audible free classic texts](#))

Never Let Me Go (Kazuo Ishiguro)

2. Read around the set texts

Other novels by Ishiguro

Klara and the Sun

The Remains of the Day

The Buried Giant

When We Were Orphans

Romantic works by contemporaries of Mary Shelley

Letters Written in Sweden, Norway and Denmark by Mary Wollstonecraft

Young Romantics: The Shelleys, Byron and other tangled lives by Daisy Hay

Poems of Percy Bysshe Shelley, Keats and Byron

The Last Man by Mary Shelley

3. Expand your reading of modern fiction:

The Handmaid's Tale (Margaret Atwood)

Beloved (Toni Morrison)

A Fine Balance (Rohinton Mistry)

The Color Purple (Alice Walker)

Homegoing (Yaa Gyasi)

The Island of Missing Trees (Elif Shafak)

Cloud Atlas (David Mitchell)

Small Island (Andrea Levy)

The Book Thief (Marcus Zusak)

Half of a Yellow Sun (Chimamanda Ngoze Adiche)

The Silence of the Girls (Pat Barker)

The Emperor's Babe (Bernadine Evaristo)

Atonement (Ian McEwan)

The Bloody Chamber (Angela Carter)

The One Who Wrote Destiny (Nikesh Shukla)

White Teeth (Zadie Smith)

4. Expand your reading – non-fiction to inform critical reading of texts:

Ain't I a Woman (bell hooks)

Hood Feminism (Mikki Kendall)

Everyday Sexism (Laura Bates)

Feminists Don't Wear Pink and Other Lies (Scarlett Curtis)

Natives (Akala) (Podcast link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atfVUgyEIOI>)

White Fragility (Robin DiAngelo) (Podcast link
<https://www.weneedtotalkaboutwhiteness.com/podcast>)

Stamped from the Beginning (Ibram X Kendi) (Podcast link
<https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-an-antiracist/>)

In Our Time: Polidori's The Vampyre (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00162xz>)

In Our Time: Frankenstein (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00051n6>)