

KS3 Cultural Enrichment Pack

Having a broad understanding and experience of culture is paramount to excelling in the English classroom. Please see the below for extra activities, suggestions and website links that you can explore to extend your learning.

1. **Seneca:** <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

This is a free website that students can sign up to to access KS3 English courses.

Some students may have been given class codes from their English teachers so they can access the courses easily. If you haven't been given a class code, you simply need to search for the following courses and complete the activities:

- English: KS3 Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
- English: KS3 Decoding words
- 11+ Verbal reasoning
- 11+ Comprehension
- English: Common Entrance 13+

There are also KS3 courses on the following books. If you have access to these books at home, why not give them a read and search for the course to complete it?

- A Midsummer Night's Dream (by William Shakespeare)
- The Boy in Striped Pyjamas (by John Boyne)
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (by J.K. Rowling)
- Of Mice and Men (by John Steinbeck)

2. **Audible:** <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Audible are offering a wide range of audiobooks to listen to for free! Why not pick a few to listen to?

3. **BBC Culture In Quarantine:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/culture-in-quarantine>

The BBC have announced that they will be providing an amazing array of cultural resources as part of their festival of the arts in the coming weeks. Keep reading BBC news to see what they're releasing and we'll be updating the links on here too.

We are so excited about the RSC Shakespeare performances that will be made available on BBC iPlayer for free! These will include fantastic adaptations of Romeo and Juliet (2018), Othello (2015), Much Ado About Nothing (2014), Hamlet (2016), Macbeth (2018) and The Merchant of Venice (2015).

4. **Into Film:** https://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/activities-for-young-people-to-do-at-home?fbclid=IwAR3-QcpcYxH2xGtem3Le98xWToiwOAwbl6yRXxd-mqLY93r94LWEvi9Ld_I

Start being a critical thinker and use these resources to start watching films in a whole new way! Why not create a map of the world and try to see films from different places?

5. **Reading:** <http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog/>

Why not read some classics online? Project Gutenberg has made over 500 classics available to read online for free!

6. **TED and TEDEd:** <https://blog.ed.ted.com/.../9-ted-talks-recommended-by-stude.../>

There are some fantastic resources available on TEDEd's youtube page and see the link above to see what other students are recommending.

7. **Music Gigs:**

Listen to some free gigs including ones by Chris Martin (Coldplay) and P!nk:
<https://www.globalcitizen.org/.../together-at-home-chris-mar.../>

Watch a tiny desk concert: <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/818079150/5-tiny-desk-concerts-to-calm-your-mind?t=1584636848329>

Or try some classical music instead...

<https://www.google.co.uk/.../live-streamed-classical-music-c.../>

8. **Museum Tours:** <https://www.travelandleisure.com/.../museums-with-virtual-tou...>

Why don't you do a tour of a famous gallery or museum? From the British museum to the Guggenheim in NYC and beyond...