

English KS4 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. **Read more 19th Century Novels to broaden your knowledge of Victorian literature.** There are hundreds to choose from. Here are some popular picks: 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte; 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte; 'The Moonstone' by Wilkie Collins; 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens; 'Dracula' by Bram Stoker and 'The Heart of Darkness' by Joseph Conrad. If you have a Kindle many older novels are free.

2. **Read some prize-winning new fiction.** Here are a few to start with: 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood'; 'The Life of Pi' by Yann Martel; 'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy and 'Regeneration' by Pat Barker.

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. **Shakespeare's Globe:** <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/> learn all about the Globe and take a virtual tour.

4. **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. 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).

5. **Into Film:** <https://www.intofilm.org/films> 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?

6. **More 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!

7. **TED and TEDEd:** <https://blog.ed.ted.com/2017/03/16/9-ted-talks-recommended-by-students-for-students/> There are some fantastic resources available on TEDEd's youtube page and see the link above to see what other students are recommending.

8. **Music Gigs:** Listen to some free gigs including ones by Chris Martin (Coldplay) and P!nk: <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/topics/chris-martin/> Watch a tiny desk concert: <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/818079150/5-tiny-desk-concerts-tocalm-your-mind?t=1584636848329> Or try some classical music instead...

https://www.medici.tv/en/concerts/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwsYb0BRCOARIsAHbLPhEueWppFbGjke8MNfJgEUKZmh71FOpGpvMcN59UPNQ87k4mDJbA2W4aAk00EALw_wcB

9. **Museum Tours:** <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours> Why don't you do a tour of a famous gallery or museum? From the British museum to the Guggenheim in NYC and beyond.