



TAUNTON  
— SCHOOL —

# ENGLISH READING LIST

2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

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## Fiction

Roll of thunder, hear my cry - Mildred D Taylor  
 Lord of the Flies - William Golding  
 Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck  
 Witch Child - Celia Rees  
 The Woman in Black - Susan Hill \*  
 Dracula - Bram Stoker  
 Frankenstein - Mary Shelley  
 The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins  
 The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien  
 The Pearl - John Steinbeck  
 Murder at the Vicarage - Agatha Christie  
 The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - Mark Haddon\*  
 The Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle \*  
 Moriarty – Anthony Horowitz  
 Small Steps - Louis Sachar  
 David Copperfield - Charles Dickens  
 Heaven Eyes - David Almond  
 The Arrival - Shaun Tan  
 The Chocolate War - Robert Cormier  
 Stone Cold – Robert Swindells  
 His Dark Materials – Philip Pullman  
 Orange Boy – Patrick Lawrence  
 Romeo and Juliet - William Shakespeare\*

Studied in class \*

## Non-Fiction

Notes on a Small Island - Bill Bryson  
 Shakespeare: The world as a stage - Bill Bryson  
 My family and other animals - Gerald Durrell  
 Cider with Rosie - Laurie Lee  
 I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai  
 Anne Frank: A diary of a young girl - Anne Frank

## Audio-Visual

Shakespeare and other dramatists  
<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/learn>  
<https://www.rsc.org.uk/education>  
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk>  
<https://www.poetrystation.org.uk>  
<https://www.worldbookday.com>  
<https://bl.uk/learning/online>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>  
<https://www.faber.co.uk/faber-childrens-resources>

# YEARS 10/11

## Fiction

The Catcher in the Rye - JD Salinger  
A Midsummer Night's Dream - William Shakespeare \*  
Henry V - William Shakespeare  
Hard Times - Charles Dickens  
Great Expectations - Charles Dickens  
Animal Farm - George Orwell  
Pride and Prejudice- Jane Austen\*  
Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe \*  
A View from the Bridge - Arthur Miller  
All My Sons - Arthur Miller  
Jekyll and Hyde - R.L Stevenson  
The Lost World - Arthur Conan Doyle  
Wilding - Isabella Tree  
The Girl with the Red Coat - Kate Hame  
The Go-between - LP Hartley  
The War of the Worlds – HG Wells \*  
Great Expectations – Charles Dickens  
Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens  
Across the Nightingale Floor - Lian Hearn  
A song for Ella Grey - David Almond  
Pompeii - Richard Harris  
Empire of the Sun - JG Ballard  
Bloodtide - Melvin Burgess  
The Book Thief - Markus Zusak  
Live and Let Die – Ian Fleming  
The Day of the Jackal – Fredrick Forsyth

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## Non-Fiction

I know why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou  
The Lost Continent - Bill Bryson  
Mother tongue: the story of the English language - Bill Bryson  
Persepolis - Marjane Satrapi  
Travels with a Donkey in Cervennes - Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Story of the World Cup - Brian Glanville  
Dreams from my father - Barack Obama  
Blood River - Tim Butcher

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# YEARS 12/13

## Fiction

Brideshead Revisited - Evelyn Waugh  
Decline and Fall - Evelyn Waugh  
Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte  
Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte  
Woman at point zero - Nawal el Sadaawi  
The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini  
Perfume – Patrick Suskind  
Emma - Jane Austen  
Northanger Abbey – Jane Austen  
Measure for Measure - William Shakespeare  
King Lear - William Shakespeare  
As You Like It - William Shakespeare  
Brighton Rock - Graham Greene  
The Power and the Glory - Graham Greene  
The Rainbow - DH Lawrence  
Women in love - DH Lawrence  
1984 - George Orwell  
Madame Bovary - Gustave Flaubert  
The Great Gatsby - F Scott Fitzgerald  
The Reader - Bernhard Schlink  
Tess of the D'Urbevilles - Thomas Hardy  
Death of a Salesman - Arthur Miller  
A Streetcar named Desire - Tennessee Williams  
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - Tennessee Williams  
The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood  
Alias Grace- Margaret Atwood  
Lucky Jim - Kingsley Amis  
Heart of darkness - Joseph Conrad  
Birdsong - Sebastian Faulkes  
A Clockwork Orange - Anthony Burgess  
Howard's End - EM Forster  
Catch 22 - Joseph Heller  
Nutshell- Ian McEwan  
The Gormenghast trilogy - Mervyn Peake  
Wide Sargasso sea - Jean Rhys  
The Color Purple - Alice Walker  
The picture of Dorian Grey - Oscar Wilde  
The Woman who walked into doors - Paddy Doyle  
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian - Marina Lewyc  
The White Tiger - Aravind Adiga  
The Remains of the Day - Kazuo Ishiguro

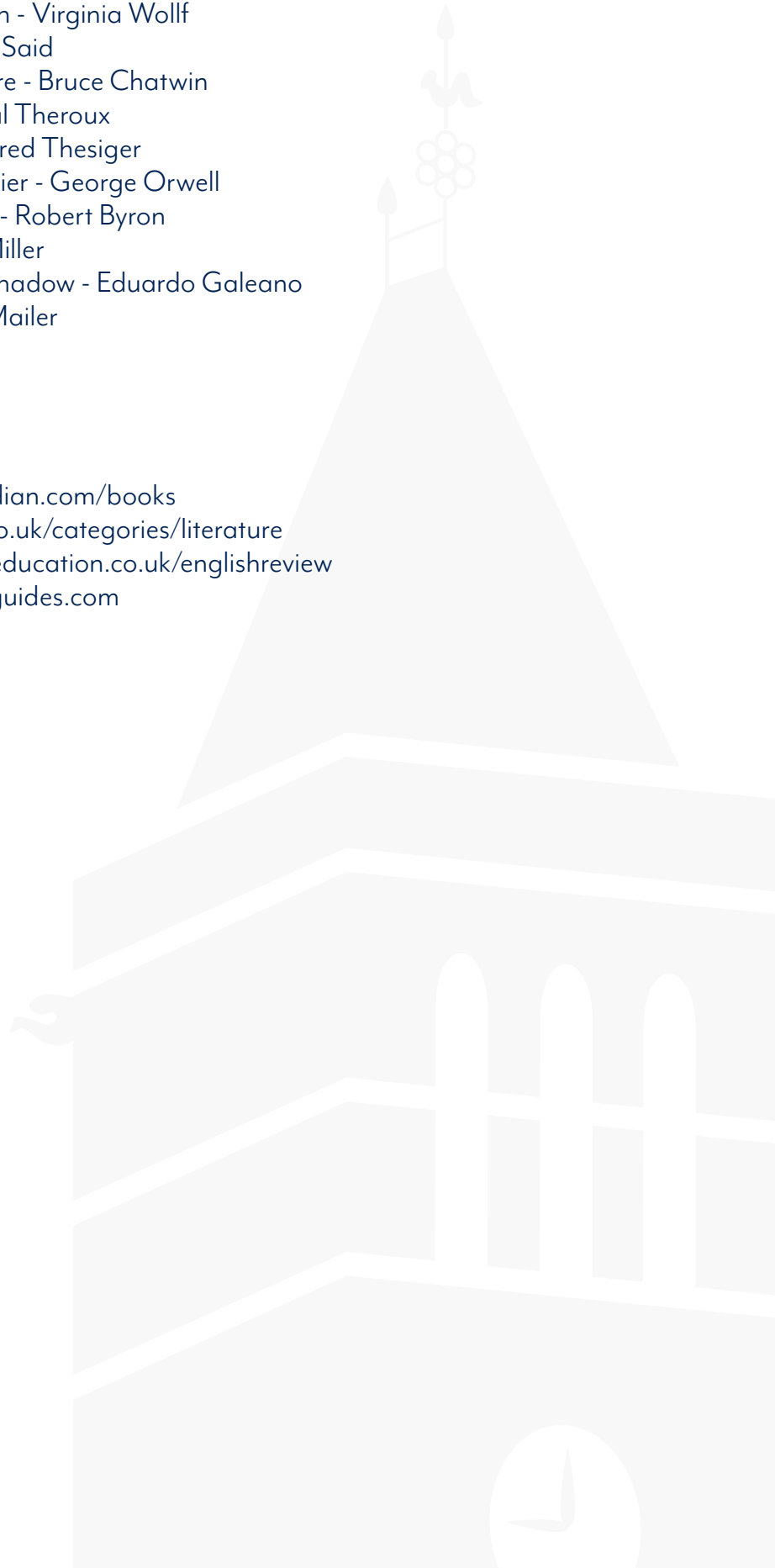
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## Non-Fiction

The Genius of Shakespeare - Jonathan Bate  
Shakespeare's Language - Frank Kermode  
The Sacred Wood - T.S. Elliot  
A Little Learning - Evelyn Waugh  
Aspects of the Novel - E.M. Forster  
A Room of One's Own - Virginia Woolf  
Orientalism - Edward Said  
What Am I Doing Here - Bruce Chatwin  
Dark Star Safari - Paul Theroux  
Arabian Sands - Wilfred Thesiger  
The Road to Wigan Pier - George Orwell  
The Road to Oxiana - Robert Byron  
Timebends - Arthur Miller  
Football in Sun and Shadow - Eduardo Galeano  
The Fight - Norman Mailer

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<https://www.theguardian.com/books>  
<https://www.the-tls.co.uk/categories/literature>  
<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/englishreview>  
<https://www.connellguides.com>





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