



WHS Summer Reading Challenge

The WHS Summer Reading Challenge will give you an introduction to the two units of English Literature A Level course: *Love through the Ages* and *Modern Times*. Both units require students to read widely across a range of texts and connect them across time and topic. Exploring texts from a range of genres and times is what this A Level is all about. English Literature students should be keen readers, so this summer challenge will be both beneficial **and** enjoyable!

The challenge:

Select a text to read from **each** of the columns. Once you have read the novel / play / pair of poems, **record your reflections** on the appropriate page of the 'Summer Reading Diary'.

<u>Novel / short story collection</u>	<u>Drama</u>	<u>Paired poems (choose one pair)</u>
Abi Daré <i>The Girl with the Louding Voice</i>	William Shakespeare <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Lawrence Ferlinghetti 'In Golden Gate Park That Day...' and Edna St Vincent Millay 'Time Does Not Bring Relief: You All Have Lied'
Sylvia Plath <i>The Bell Jar</i>	Arthur Miller <i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Timothy Liu 'Winter' and Thomas Gunn 'The Hug'
Toni Morrison <i>Beloved</i>	Henrik Ibsen <i>Hedda Gabler</i>	Thomas Wyatt , 'Whoso List To Hunt' & Thomas Campion , 'Come you pretty false-eyed wanton...'
Angela Carter <i>The Bloody Chamber</i> (short stories)	William Shakespeare <i>Antony and Cleopatra</i>	Philip Larkin , 'Self's The Man' & e.e. cummings , 'anyone lived in a pretty how town'
Britt Bennett <i>The Vanishing Half</i>	Helen Edmundson's adaptation of <i>Small Island</i> by Andrea Levy	William Wordsworth , 'She Dwelt Among The Untrodden Ways' & Richard Lovelace , 'On Lucasta, Going To Wars.'

Where do I get the texts from?

- School library
- If you don't have a library card for your local library yet, GET ONE!
- Charity shops
- Amazon
- Kindle / e-reader editions (N.B. a number of older texts are free if you search for them using your e-reader. You can also read them on your computer or tablet. These texts are available via Amazon, Google and / or Project Gutenberg.)

Any further questions?

- Email Mrs Suter-Tibble with questions and queries: cst@waleshigh.com
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Happy reading! See you in September!