

English Resources for Schools

Resources for students

Key stage	Resource
	Additional Reading
KS4-5	The Poetry Handbook - John Lennard Oxford University Press
KS4-5	The Oxford Book of English Verse - Christopher Ricks
KS4-5	Hugh Magennis's Cambridge Introduction to Anglo-Saxon Literature
KS5	S. A. J. Bradley, Anglo-Saxon Poetry: An Anthology of Old English Poems in Prose Translation (London: Dent, 1991)
KS5	Oxford University Press - short introductions to material related to English literature
KS4-5	University of Cambridge - HE+ - Resources to explore English outside of the classroom.
KS4-5	Causeway Wider reading suggestions
KS5	Staircase 12 - Reading suggestions and reviews by current university students.
KS4	Wider reading - devised by Professor Adam Smyth at Balliol College, Oxford University.
KS3-4	Reading list - for students at KS3 and KS4.
KS2-3	Time Out's - 100 best children's books of all time.
KS3-4	Book Trust's - 100 best books of all time. An organization encouraging children and families to read.
ALL	Project Gutenberg - 100s of free books to read online or download. Many of which are listed on the reading lists below.
ALL	Online book clubs

ALL	Guardian Children's online book club
	Websites
ALL	Internet Archive - millions of free books, movies, websites and more.
KS4-5	Bibliomania - Free online books, study guides and resources.
KS3-5	Oxplora.org - Big questions tackle complex ideas across a range of subjects providing a stimulus for discussion and intellectual curiosity.
KS1-2	Don't Know Find Out - English resources for primary students
KS2-5	Oxford University Press - Digital resources
KS4-5	How words enter the Oxford Dictionary
KS4	The Brilliant Club - collection of resources on most subjects
KS5	Oxford University - Worcester College range of English A Level Resources
KS5	Oxford University - range of resources to prepare student to study English Literature at university
KS3-5	BBC Bitesize - GCSE and A Level resources.
KS4-5	S-cool - Revision website.
KS4-5	Khan Academy – collection of learning resources
KS4	Englishbiz - GCSE resources for students.
KS4	A range of articles and materials - Questions for pre GCSE, GCSE and KS4.
KS4-5	Seneca - revision notes and resources
KS4-5	Spark notes - Study guides.
KS4	Material to support GCSE Language and Literature - Focusing on 19 th Century texts- Disease of Modern Life.
KS4-5	Shakespeare's Globe - Various learning resources and plays online.
KS4-5	Shakespeare journal.
KS4-5	Shakespearestreams - An updated list of all the Shakespeare online streams. (almost all free)
KS4-5	Manga Shakespeare - Abridged texts allowing focus on individual scenes in Shakespeare's plays. Contains pictures of books and manuscripts and essays - useful for students who are writing essays.
KS2-4	Shakespeare Week - writing challenges, videos and more from the Arts council

KS4-5	Hardy and Heritage - online resources for schools exploring 19th and 20 th century non- fiction texts
KS4-5	dramaonlinelibrary - Drama streaming service that collects lots of information about various performances.
KS3-5	English and Media Centre
KS4-5	Poetry Daily app - can be accessed on Apple or Android phones for free.
KS4-5	Favourite Poem - Video recordings of Americans reading poems they love.
KS4-5	Poetsseers - collection of poetry from around the world including different spiritual traditions.
ALL	Poetry Foundation - Collections of poems, written and spoken with a range of resources.
KS5	The Poetry Society - news articles and events
KS5	The Guardian Books website - Reviews contemporary and older literary releases, author biographies and offering discussion boards.
KS5	Gresham College lectures on English Literature and range of other related subjects.
KS5	Virtual Resources in Arts and Humanities - University of Bristol
KS5	Professor of Poetry Lecture
KS5	Questions - Devised by Oxford University's tutors.
KS5	Oxford University English Faculty Literature for Life blog
KS5	10 minute bookclub - Oxford University event
KS3-5	TIDE project - Oxford University Travel, Transculturality and Identity in England 1550-1700- contains teaching resources which explore how the great age of travel and discovery shaped English perceptions of human identity based on cultural identification and difference. Database to carry out keyword search.
KS3-5	Lest We Forget – Oxford University Digital archive of writing, memories and stories from the First World War.
KS5	Post-Colonial Writers - Oxford University Explores how literary writing, both novels and poems, shapes readers' perceptions of the contemporary world. Focusing specifically on current Black and Asian British Writing.
KS4-5	Oxford University-Great Writers Inspire - Collection of lectures, essays and eBooks.
KS5	Cambridge Literature Timeline

KS5	Early English books online - Contains over 125,000 titles listed in Pollard and Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640), Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700), the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661).
ALL	Bodleian Libraries - Online resources on Chaucer.
KS4-5	Discovering Literature in context- collection from British library exploring the context of great literary works
KS4-5	British library online - With categories such as romantic and Victorian writers.
KS5	Bodleian Library digital archive - Collection of rare books and manuscripts.
KS5	Cambridge digital library
ALL	The British Museum - Decoding Anglo-Saxon Art.
ALL	The British Library - The Franks Casket.
ALL	British Library – Resources on the Anglo Saxon language.
ALL	The Riddle Ages - Old English Riddles, Translations and Commentaries.
	Radio/Podcasts/Videos/MOOCs
KS4-5	BBC Radio 3 - The Shakespeare Sessions.
KS5	BBC Radio 3 - Free Thinking e.g. 100 books which shaped our world.
KS5	BBC Radio The Essay leading writers on arts, Philosophy, Science and Religion discuss their ideas and insights
KS5	BBC Radio 3 Arts and Ideas – programme exploring arts, culture and the media
KS4-5	BBC4 In Our Time - Interviews with Broadcaster and Author Melvyn Bragg
KS%	The Forum- podcasts about culture
KS4-5	Bookriot.com - Podcasts and documentaries about authors.
KS5	The Guardian Long Audio read- based on news items
KS4-5	GCSE and A level revision podcasts
KS4	GCSE Pod - GCSE English revision
KS4-5	English Literature and English Language Podcast
KS5	Oxford University podcasts for English - Over 300 podcasts recorded from 2007-present day. Additional podcasts also found Here
KS4/5	Emma Smith - Approaching Shakespeare

KS5	Oxford University - Challenging the Canon
KS5	Rothmere American Institute - podcasts about literature and culture
KS5	Literature, Language and the Arts - video about studying these subject at Oxford University
KS5	English Literature and English Language TED talks
KS5	New Yorker Fiction podcasts
ALL	Free trial - Audio books from Audible
KS5	BBC documentaries about writers
KS5	A Very Short Introduction to the English Language
KS3	Michael Rosen's stories and poetry video
KS5	Favourite Poem Project - videos
KS5	The Paris Review video series
KS5	Shakespeare and the plague - video
KS5	Stay at Home Shakespeare video series
KS5	BBC Reith Lectures - annual lecture series on a range of topics
KS5	Cambridge Media Streaming Service
KS5	The Crash Course - short free video courses in Literature, media and film
KS5	Oxford University English Interview
KS5	Studying English at oxford University - video
KS5	Oxford University Research – Digitising Jane Austen's manuscripts
KS5	Oxford University Research - on the joy of not rehearsing Shakespeare
KS5	Oxford University Dramatic Research
KS5	Oxford University Research by English academics challenging perceptions of India Immigration
KS5	Free English literature MOOCs .
KS5	Free Ivy League online Courses
KS5	Harvard Online courses
KS5	Yale Online courses

KS5	EdX Online courses
	Magazines and Journals
KS5	The Literary Review - magazine with book reviews
KS5	TLS Magazine - literature from across the world
KS5	The New Yorker - Commentary, criticism, essays, fiction, satire, cartoons, and poetry.
KS5	The Paris Review - Reviews, videos, podcasts.
KS5	The London Review of Books podcasts, videos and articles
KS5	JSTOR - Free access to journals and books.
	Competitions
KS4-5	Oxford Schools debating competition
KS3-5	Noisy Classroom debating competition
KS5	Sixth Form debating competitions
KS3-5	Public speaking and reading aloud competitions
KS1-3	BBC writing Competition - 500 words.
ALL	Young writers competitions - For ages 3-18.
KS5	Oxford University Tower Poetry Competition - A prestigious annual competition for 16-18 year olds in the UK on a set theme.
KS3-5	Poetry Society competitions - For various age groups such as Foyle Young Poet of the Year.
ALL	Entering a poetry slam
KS4-5	The Orwell Youth Prize - writing competition for students aged 12-18
KS3-5	Film Making competitions
	Literary Festivals
KS5	The Hay Festival - podcasts and videos from previous events
ALL	Information about literary festivals in the UK

Resources for teachers

Resource	Notes
Book Trust	Poetry resources and ideas for teachers.
The National Centre for Writing	Resources to support teachers working with students- workshops and writers in schools
Places of Poetry	Toolkit and resources for supporting students to produce their own poetry
English and Media Centre	Short videos to aid English teachers as students transition into A levels.
English Old Vic KS1-2	Resources linked to English, History and other subjects
TES Connect	Teaching Resources for English.
The Education Training Partnership	Provides study days for KS3, GCSE, A Level - fees apply.
The Royal Society of Literature	Outreach programme sending authors into state schools as part of the Poets in Schools Project-also provides lesson plans and resources .
Tide Project	Aims to explore how mobility in the great age of travel and exploration shaped England's perception of human identity based on cultural identification and difference.
Universal Teacher	Resources for teaching English KS3-5.
Voice 21	Oratorical resources and support.
Never ending stories pack from the National Centre for Creative Writing.	Includes tips and activities for engaging story telling at home