

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	This is Shakespeare – Emma Smith
KS5	Reading suggestions for Oxford University undergraduate offer holders
KS4-5	Causeway wider reading suggestions
KS4	Wider reading - devised by Professor Adam Smyth at Balliol College, Oxford University
KS3-4	Reading list - for students at KS3 and KS4
KS5	Staircase 12 - Reading suggestions and reviews by current university students
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
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
KS3-5	BBC Bitesize - GCSE and A Level resources
KS4-5	Bibliomania - Free online books, study guides and resources
KS5	Bodleian Libraries - Online resources on Chaucer
KS5	Bodleian Library digital archive - Collection of rare books and manuscripts
KS4	The Brilliant Club - collection of resources on most subjects
KS4-5	British Library online - With categories such as romantic and Victorian writers
ALL	The British Library - The Franks Casket
ALL	British Library – Resources on the Anglo Saxon language
ALL	The British Museum - Decoding Anglo-Saxon Art
KS5	Cambridge digital library
KS5	Cambridge Literature Timeline
KS4-5	Daily Poetry app - can be accessed on Apple or Android phones for free
KS4-5	Discovering Literature in context- collection from British library exploring the context of great literary works
KS1-2	Don't Know Find Out - English resources for primary students
KS4-5	dramaonlinelibrary - Drama streaming service that collects lots of information about various performances
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)
KS3-5	English and Media Centre
KS4	Englishbiz - GCSE resources for students
KS4-5	Favourite Poem - Video recordings of Americans reading poems they love
KS5	Gresham College lectures on English Literature and range of other related subjects

KS5	The Guardian Books website - Reviews contemporary and older literary releases, author biographies and offering discussion boards
KS4-5	Hardy and Heritage - online resources for schools exploring 19th and 20 th century non- fiction texts
KS4-5	How words enter the Oxford Dictionary
ALL	Internet Archive - millions of free books, movies, websites and more
KS4-5	Khan Academy – collection of learning resources
KS3-5	Lest We Forget – Oxford University Digital archive of writing, memories and stories from the First World War
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
KS4	Material to support GCSE Language and Literature - Focusing on 19 th Century texts- Disease of Modern Life
KS2-5	Oxford University Press - Digital resources
KS4-5	Oxford University – Virtual Chaucer
KS4-5	Oxford University-Great Writers Inspire - Collection of lectures, essays and eBooks
KS5	Oxford University Post-Colonial Writers - Explores how literary writing, both novels and poems, shapes readers' perceptions of the contemporary world. Focusing specifically on current Black and Asian British writing
KS5	Oxford University's tutors Questions
KS5	Oxford University - range of resources to prepare student to study English Literature at university
KS5	Oxford University 10 minute book club
KS5	Oxford University English Faculty Literature for Life blog
KS5	Oxford University TIDE (Travel, transculturality and Identity in England 1550-1700) range of resources and multimedia collaboration with sound and spoken word artists
KS3-5	Explore.org - Big questions tackle complex ideas across a range of subjects providing a stimulus for discussion and intellectual curiosity
ALL	Poetry Foundation - Collections of poems, written and spoken with a range of resources
KS5	The Poetry Society - news articles and events

KS4-5	Poetsseers - collection of poetry from around the world including different spiritual traditions
KS5	Professor of Poetry Lectures from Oxford University
ALL	Project Gutenberg - 100s of free books to read online or download
KS4	A Range of articles and materials - Questions for pre GCSE, GCSE and KS4
KS5	The Riddle Ages - Old English Riddles, Translations and Commentaries
KS4-5	S-cool - Revision website
KS4-5	Seneca - revision notes and resources
KS4-5	Shakespeare's Globe - Various learning resources and plays online
KS5	Shakespeare's Bulletin
KS4-5	Shakespearestreams - An updated list of all the Shakespeare online streams (almost all free)
KS2-4	Shakespeare Week - writing challenges, videos and more from the Arts council
KS4-5	Spark notes - Study guides
KS5	Virtual Resources in Arts and Humanities - University of Bristol
	Radio/Podcasts/Videos/MOOCs
KS5	BBC documentaries about writers
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 3 Arts and Ideas – programme exploring arts, culture and the media
KS5	BBC Radio The Essay leading writers on arts, Philosophy, Science and Religion discuss their ideas and insights
KS4-5	BBC4 In Our Time - Interviews with Broadcaster and Author Melvyn Bragg
KS5	BBC Reith Lectures - annual lecture series on a range of topics
KS4-5	Bookriot.com - Podcasts and documentaries about authors
ALL	BorrowBox App- Allows you to borrow e-books and audio books for free if your library is a member
KS5	Cambridge Media Streaming Service
KS5	The Crash Course - short free video courses in Literature, media and film

KS5	EdX Online courses
KS4-5	English Literature and English Language Podcast
KS5	English Literature and English Language TED talks
KS5	Favourite Poem Project - videos
KS5	Free English literature MOOCs
KS5	Free Ivy League online Courses
ALL	Free trial - Audio books from Audible
KS5	The Forum - podcasts about culture
KS5	The Guardian Long Audio read - based on news items
KS4-5	GCSE and A level revision podcasts
KS4	GCSE Pod - GCSE English revision
KS5	Harvard Online courses
ALL	Librivox - free audio books search for a specific text
KS5	Literature, Language and the Arts - video about studying these subject at Oxford University
KS3	Michael Rosen's stories and poetry video
KS5	New Yorker Fiction podcasts
KS5	Oxford University podcasts for English - Over 300 podcasts recorded from 2007-present day. Additional podcasts also found Here
KS4/5	Oxford University Tutors - Approaching Shakespeare
KS5	Oxford University mini- series Challenging the Canon discussing key writers and why we should study them
KS5	Oxford University mini lecture on post- colonial literature
Ks5	Oxford University Springboard videos
KS5	Oxford University – Will play interactive AI reimagining of Shakespeare's play
KS5	Oxford University Research - on the joy of not rehearsing Shakespeare
KS5	Oxford University Research
KS5	Oxford University Lit Hits - introducing readers to literature using excerpts

KS5	The Paris Review video series
KS5	Shakespeare and the plague - video
KS5	Stay at Home Shakespeare video series
KS5	A Very Short Introduction to the English Language
KS5	Yale Online courses
ALL	Youtube - thousands of classic audio book recordings
Magazines and Journals	
KS5	JSTOR - Free access to journals and books
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
Competitions	
KS1-3	BBC writing Competition - 500 words
KS3-5	Film Making competitions
KS3-5	Noisy Classroom debating competition
KS4-5	The Orwell Youth Prize - writing competition for students aged 12-18
KS4-5	Oxford Schools debating competition
KS5	Oxford University Tower Poetry Competition - A prestigious annual competition for 16-18 year olds in the UK on a set theme
ALL	Poetry slam
KS3-5	Poetry Society competitions - For various age groups such as Foyle Young Poet of the Year
KS3-5	Public speaking and reading aloud competitions
KS5	Sixth Form debating competitions
ALL	Young writers competitions - For ages 3-18

	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
LAMDA	Speaking in public qualifications for all ages
The National Centre for Writing	Resources to support teachers working with students- workshops and writers in schools
The Noisy Classroom	Supports teachers in developing speaking and listening in the classroom by using debate, discussion, dialogues, enquiry and role play
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
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 .
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