

## Y11 Super curriculum Suggestions

The following suggested links and activities will help you develop a deeper understanding of the literature texts we study, their writers and contexts.

Macbeth	<p>Listen to the “You’re Dead To Me” Podcast on James I. (Content warning – some swearing)</p> <p>Watch Mr Bruff’s YouTube video on 100% full marks answering Macbeth.</p> <p>Read this article about gender in Shakespeare:  <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/mar/27/margot-robbie-shakespeare-women-characters-tv-series">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/mar/27/margot-robbie-shakespeare-women-characters-tv-series</a></p>
A Christmas Carol	<p>Listen to the “You’re Dead to Me” Podcast on Victorian Christmas. (Content warning – some swearing)</p> <p>Watch the film “The Man Who Invented Christmas”.</p> <p>Read this article on the origins of ACC: <a href="https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-origins-of-a-christmas-carol">https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-origins-of-a-christmas-carol</a></p> <p>Read this letter from Dickens about Ragged Schools.</p>
An Inspector Calls	<p>Read this article about JB Priestley and the formation of his politics:  <a href="https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/an-inspector-calls-and-j-b-priestleys-journey#:~:text=Alison%20Cullingford%20explores%20how%20J%20B,of%20social%20responsibility%20and%20guilt">https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/an-inspector-calls-and-j-b-priestleys-journey#:~:text=Alison%20Cullingford%20explores%20how%20J%20B,of%20social%20responsibility%20and%20guilt</a>.</p>
L+R Poetry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) When We Two Parted. Listen to the “You’re Dead to Me” Podcast on Lord Byron. (Content warning – some swearing)</li> <li>2) Love’s Philosophy - Listen to the “You’re Dead to Me” Podcast on Mary Shelley which includes lots of information on Percy Bysshe Shelley. (Content warning – some swearing)</li> <li>3) Porphyria’s Lover - Follow this link for a range of interpretations of Porphyria’s Lover - <a href="https://victorianweb.org/authors/rb/porphyria/index.html">https://victorianweb.org/authors/rb/porphyria/index.html</a></li> <li>4) Sonnet 29 – I think of thee! Listen to this episode of In Our Time for a discussion of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and another of her famous poems, Aurora Leigh.  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0745d37#:~:text=Melvyn%20Bragg%20and%20guests%20discuss,before%20her%20death%20in%20Florence.&amp;text=She%20has%20a%20successful%20career,turned%20down%20a%20decade%20before">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0745d37#:~:text=Melvyn%20Bragg%20and%20guests%20discuss,before%20her%20death%20in%20Florence.&amp;text=She%20has%20a%20successful%20career,turned%20down%20a%20decade%20before</a>.</li> <li>5) Neutral Tones – Read any of Thomas Hardy’s famous novels, for example The Mayor of Casterbridge, Tess of the D’Urbervilles, or Far From the Madding Crowd.</li> <li>6) Letters From Yorkshire – Visit the National Media Museum at Bradford to get a taste of the history of media in Britain.</li> <li>7) The Farmer’s Bride – Read the following article on female “hysteria” in the Victorian Era. <a href="https://www.lib.uwo.ca/archives/virtualexhibits/londonasylum/hysteria.html">https://www.lib.uwo.ca/archives/virtualexhibits/londonasylum/hysteria.html</a></li> </ol>

	<p>8) Walking Away – Read one of the four gospels of the New Testament that tells of the life of Jesus Christ, his crucifixion and resurrection (these are only about 30 pages long each). Think about how the imagery and message from the poem tie in with the story.</p> <p>9) Eden Rock – Read this article which outlines the story of The Garden of Eden and The Fall of Man from the Old Testament’s Book of Genesis. <a href="https://interestingliterature.com/2021/06/bible-genesis-adam-eve-garden-of-eden-story-summary-analysis/">https://interestingliterature.com/2021/06/bible-genesis-adam-eve-garden-of-eden-story-summary-analysis/</a></p> <p>10) Follower – read this in-depth summary and analysis of the poem: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/viewer.html?pdfurl=https%3A%2F%2Fliterariness.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F05%2FLitCharts-follower-1.pdf&amp;clen=359261&amp;chunk=true</p> <p>11) Mother Any Distance – Read Simon Armitage’s Walking Home, his description of walking the Pennine Way.</p> <p>12) Before You Were Mine – Read the first part of Billy Connolly’s autobiography “Windswept and Interesting” which gives an insight into life in Glasgow in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the same time and place that the poem is about. (Warning – there is frequent swearing, descriptions of violence, and references to sexual abuse).</p> <p>13) Winter Swans – Read Owen Sheers’ book, The Green Hollow, which is a poetic history of the mining village of Aberfan, where a school was destroyed by a landslide and 144 people (mainly children) were killed.</p> <p>14) Singh Song! Watch the films “East is East” and “Bend it like Beckham” to get a better understanding of the experience of second-generation Indian migrants.</p> <p>15) Climbing My Grandfather – Read this article from the Guardian about the life and tragic death of Andrew Waterhouse. <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/education/2002/jan/03/artsandhumanities.highereducation">https://www.theguardian.com/education/2002/jan/03/artsandhumanities.highereducation</a></p>