

KEY STAGE 3 POTENTIAL HIGH ACHIEVERS READING LIST

For ENGLISH

SHAKESPEARE

There is a wealth of resources out there to widen your knowledge of Shakespeare, his language, and his plays. We recommend the following:

- Oxford Illustrated Shakespeare Dictionary, David and Ben Crystal
- Shakespeare on Toast, Ben Crystal
- Shakespeare in a Nutshell: A Rhyming Guide to All The Plays, James Muirden

(This is a great book for understanding plot and synopsis)

- The Shakespeare Miscellany, David Crystal and Ben Crystal
- Hip-Hop & Shakespeare? Akala at TED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSbtLA3GrY>

- TED Ed playlist – The work of William Shakespeare

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCl6o-kbqrs&list=PLJicmE8fK0EhINFWVJGgBNbTgHznOdzK>

19th CENTURY FICTION

- Sherlock Holmes short stories, Arthur Conan Doyle
- The Ruby in the Smoke, Phillip Pullman (set in 19th Century rather than written in!)
- The Lie Tree, Frances Hardinge (set in the 19th Century rather than written in!)
- Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson (the National Theatre also did a fantastic stage adaptation)

Inspirational figures and brilliant speeches

- I am Malala, Malala Yousafzai
- No One is Too Small to Make a Difference, Greta Thunberg
- She Speaks, Yvette Cooper
- You Talkin' to Me? Sam Leith
- The Penguin Book of Modern Speeches
- Ted Youth talks playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJicmE8fK0EgICJpl3tHbs02otZeEvx1R>

MYTHOLOGY

A sound knowledge of mythology will help you to understand allusion. Here are our recommendations:

- Great Goddesses, Nikita Gill
- The Mythology Book: Big ideas simply explained, DK
- Mythos: The Greek Myths Re-told, Stephen Fry
- TED Talk Playlist – mythologies from around the world

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