

English Literature Bridging Unit

Activity

Please choose activities from this list to develop your literary awareness.

Go to the radio 4 website and listen to an author podcast. Create a summary of their motivations for their subject, interests etc.

[BBC Radio 4 - Books and Authors - Downloads](#)

Read and review a novel from the Costa or Guardian book awards

[Welcome - Costa Book Awards | Costa Coffee](#)

[National Book Awards | Books | The Guardian](#)

Follow Reece Witherspoon's book club [Reese's Book Club \(reesesbookclub.com\)](http://reesesbookclub.com) and choose some summer reads. Once finished write a brief summary of the key themes and anything you learned or thought about.

Read and review a book from the Booker Nominations list or Nobel Prize for Literature (past or present)

Review a theatrical production of a novel / play. Explore the key decisions taken by the director and explain how these have possibly impacted on the audience's interpretations of the character, themes etc.

Review a journal article or review of a novel you have read. To what extent do you agree / disagree with the views expressed?

Write a biography of an influential author (past or present) and try to create a journalistic style.

Create a podcast or blog by a contemporary author about the concerns which influence their writing.

Read a collection of poems, not on the GCSE syllabus (these can be connected by theme or all by the same poet) analyse and evaluate some of the common ideas and how the chosen poets have decided to present their ideas (authorial methods)

[BBC Radio 4 - Poetry Please](#)

[Poetry Foundation](#)