

English Resources and Recommendations

Here are some links to websites which we think you might find interesting:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/search?q=noughts+and+crosses>

This has a link to the 6 episodes of Noughts and Crosses that have been made based on the first book,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hxc2/authors-live-malorie-blackman> Former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman talks about her work and reads from her best-selling novel Noughts and Crosses.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000bhgt/novels-that-shaped-our-world-series-1-2-the-empire-writes-back>

This website provides a history of the novel; it's really interesting.

<https://www.roalddahlfans.com/dahls-work/short-stories/> English team favourites: The Landlady, Lamb to the Slaughter and The Man from the South

<https://www.planetebook.com/> - this has some links to the classics including Orwell's 1984 which is worth a read

<https://manybooks.net/> - There are lots of different books including a daily update with free books.

Wicked: the life and times of the Wicked Witch of the West (this is the story that inspired the West End musical, Wicked): https://www.scollingsworthenglish.com/uploads/3/8/4/2/38422447/v_maguire_gregory_-_wicked.pdf

<https://www.futurelearn.com/> - this has loads of free online short courses for a wide range of subjects. It's not just English focused on English, there are a range of subjects available.

<https://interestingliterature.com/2017/02/10-of-the-best-simon-armitage-poems-everyone-should-read/>

This website has 10 really good Simon Armitage poems (the poet who wrote Remains). The website gives the title of a poem (and a link to it) and gives a brief summary of what the poem is about.

The BBC have made an adaptation of The Northern Lights. It's just the first book so far:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000b1v2/his-dark-materials>

BBC Podcasts: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts>

Ted Ed: <https://ed.ted.com/>

School of Life: <https://www.youtube.com/user/schooloflifechannel>

English Teachers' Personal Book Recommendations:

Miss Peers has just read Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman and really enjoyed it.

Miss McDonough's two favourite books are: Angels and Demons by Dan Brown and Once in a House on Fire by Andrea Ashworth

Miss Baxter really loves the Northern Lights trilogy (The Golden Compass, The Amber Spy Glass and The Subtle Knife

Mr Cross recommends 1984 by George Orwell and Martin Pig by Kevin Brooks

Miss Green has read The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison many times and loved One Day by David Nicholls. She also enjoys Carol Ann Duffy's poetry and has been enjoying Duffy's most recent collection, Sincerity.