

# Year 7 English - Wider Reading

## What is Wider Reading? Why is it important?

Choosing to read texts in your own time, that link to each school subject, can help you to find out more about the subject and deepen your interest.

Here are some suggestions that link to what we will be studying each term.

If you have any further suggestions, let your teacher know!

### Terms 2 & 3: The Novel

#### Non-fiction:

- Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
- Waiting for Anya by Michael Morpurgo
- I Shall Bear Witness: The Diaries of Victor Klemperer

#### Fiction:

- Between Shades of Grey by Ruta Sepetys
- Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

#### Graphic novels:

- Maus by Art Spiegelman
- Goodbye Marianne by Irene Watts and Kathryn Shoemaker

#### Poetry:

- The Poetry of Wilfred Owen, Rupert Brooke, Siegfried Sassoon

### Term 5: Creative Writing - Exam Prep

#### Websites:

- <https://thinkwritten.com/365-creative-writing-prompts/>
- <https://blog.reedsy.com/creative-writing-prompts/>

#### Short stories:

- <https://theshortstory.co.uk/resources/free-short-stories/> - You could start with H.H.Munro (Saki) or Roald Dahl's stories.

### Term 1: People's Lives

#### Non-fiction:

- I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- Girls Who Rocked The World by Michelle Roehm McCann and Amelie Welden
- Hope in a Ballet Shoe by Elaine and Michaela DePrince
- Mud, Sweat and Tears by Bear Grylls
- Becoming by Michelle Obama
- Boy by Roald Dahl

#### Graphic Novel:

- El Deafo by Cece Bell

#### Podcast:

- BBC Sounds App: Desert Island Discs

### Term 4: Poetry

#### Poetry:

- Funky Chickens by Benjamin Zephaniah
- Gargling with Jelly by Brian Patten
- Writes of Passage: Words To Read Before You Turn 13 by Nicolette Jones

#### Non-fiction:

- The Ode Less Travelled: A Guide to Writing Poetry by Stephen Fry
- What Is Poetry?: The Essential Guide to Reading and Writing Poems by Michael Rosen

#### Websites:

[www.poetrybyheart.org.uk](http://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk)

### Term 6: Language Change & Shakespeare

#### Poetry:

- Telling Tales by Patience Agbabi

#### Fiction:

- Cue for Treason by Geoffrey Trease
- A Traveller in Time by Alison Uttley
- You Never Knew Her As I Did by Mollie Hunter
- Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo
- King of Shadows by Susan Cooper

