






Super Curriculum: A-Level

Subject: English Language

Read 	Do 	Find 
<p>Read 'Mother Tongue' by Bill Bryson</p> <p><i>Only Bill Bryson could make a book about the English language so entertaining. With his boundless enthusiasm and restless eye for the absurd, this is his astonishing tour of English.</i></p> <p>Copies can be found in your local library (or can be ordered)</p>	<p>The Power of Storytelling Pick your favourite genre (Thriller, Fantasy, Sci-Fi etc.) Write the opening chapter of a novel in that style.</p>	<p>Find online recordings of people speaking in different accents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which accents can you identify? • Do you think hold certain attitudes related to different accents? • Can you identify what makes each accent different?
<p>Read the article 'Accent Discrimination is Alive and Kicking' https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jun/12/accent-discrimination-is-alive-and-kicking-in-britain-study-suggests Summarise the key arguments. Do you agree or disagree with any points made?</p>	<p>The Power of Information Research and then write a review of a cultural product e.g. a film, music album, theatre performance, etc.</p>	<p>Find a video of two people in conversation where there is clear power imbalance - e.g. between a manager and employee. How does the person in the position of power use language to take control?</p>
<p>Read a page from any text written before 1900 (e.g. a novel or article) What do you notice about how the language differs from texts we might read today?</p>	<p>The Power of Persuasion Pick a topic you feel strongly about. Compose a letter to a person of influence (e.g. an MP or newspaper editor) expressing your views, concerns, and asking for action.</p>	<p>Find an article about sexist language. How far do you agree with the point of language being harmful?</p>
	<p>Listen to the Word of Mouth Podcast 'Game On: The Language of Video Games' https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08g5x0w</p>	