

St Edward's Academy

Guided Reading List



The books in this list have all been enjoyed by many students at St Edward's Academy. Have a careful look to decide which book you would like to read. This list includes Guided Reading Questions – so your reading can help frame discussions with other students and with staff. This will help support your studies across the curriculum (part of our Supra-Curriculum).

Author/Title	Themes	Guided Reading Question
Aaronovitch - Rivers of London	History/Mythology	This book has been described as Harry Potter for adults, do you agree?
Axline – In search of Dibs	Childhood/Therapy/ Growing u p	What part do Dibs' parents play in this book?
Bauby – The Diving Bell and the Butterfly	Disability	Life-enhancing and devastating in equal measure. Do you agree?
Blackburn – Think	Philosophy	In what ways has this book changed the way you think?
Camus – The Outsider	Existentialism, Death, Violence	Is being an outsider a crime?
Chomsky – Hopes and Prospects	World Analysis	Having read this book, do you have more or less hope for the future of the world? Why?
De Waal – The Hare with Amber Eyes	Family, Japan	Could your family's history be told through a particular item/s?
Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities	French Revolution/Social Justice	Dickens was a champion of the poor, how is this concern shown in this book?
Eco – The Name of the Rose	Middle Ages, Crime	Is this crime fiction or a description of life in a medieval monastery?
Hardy – Tess of the D'Urbervilles	19th Century Society	Do you think Hardy wrote this as a criticism of Victorian society?
Homer - The Odyssey	Epic Literature	What is it about Homer's work which has made this story endure so long as a bestseller?
Joyce – A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	Identity, Religion, Greek Mythology	Is this a story or an autobiography?
Kafka - The Trial	Imprisonment	How relevant is Kafka's story in the democratic set up today?
Keneally - Schindler's Ark	War/Nazi Germany	This book has been described as a look at the Holocaust using Oskar Schindler as the lens, do you agree?
Levi – If this is a Man/The Truce	Holocaust, Suicide	Does this book leave you with any sense of hope? Why or why not?
Marquez – One Hundred Years of Solitude	Magical Realism	This book has been likened to the Bible, particularly the book of Genesis, do you agree or disagree and why?

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McEwan - Atonement	Guilt/Forgiveness	How successful is Briony in achieving her Atonement?
Okri – The Famished Road	Realism/Supernatural	How do realism and the supernatural merge in this story?
Paton – Cry the Beloved Country	Racial Injustice	What can we learn about the causes and continued existence of racism from this book?
Sacks - The Man who mistook his Wife for a Hat	Psychology	Which of these cases do you find most interesting and why?
Seth – A Suitable Boy	India/Family/Civil War	What affect does this book have on your view of arranged marriages?
Sophocles – The Theban Plays	Greek Tragedy	These plays were written over 2000 years ago, can they still teach us anything? If so, what?
Wharton – Age of Innocence	Society/Class	Many see this book as a look at the relationship between America and Europe at the beginning of the 20th Century, what do you think?
Winterson – Oranges are not the only Fruit	Love, Relationships, Religion	What do you think is the significance of the title of this book?
Zafon - The Shadow of the Wind	Literature, Mystery, Love	Have you ever been captivated by a book like Daniel was, if so which book?