

General English – Suggested text list

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Fiction	
<i>Going Home</i> by Archie Weller	Anthology
<i>Reading the Signs</i> , Michael Kavanagh (Ed.)	Anthology
<i>The Boat</i> by Nam Le	Anthology
<i>The Honey Thief</i> by Najaf Mazari and Robert Hillman	Anthology
<i>Inanimate Alice</i> (http://www.inanimatealice.com/)	Digital graphic novel
<i>Metal Gear Solid</i>	Digital graphic novel
<i>The Essential Leunig: Cartoons from a Winding Path</i> by Michael Leunig	Cartoons/Comic book
<i>Tintin</i> by Hergé	Cartoons/Comic book
<i>Uncanny X-Men</i> , Marvel Comics	Cartoons/Comic book
<i>The Colour of Magic</i> by Terri Pratchett	Comic Fantasy
<i>Enter The Dragon</i>	Film
<i>Gran Torino</i>	Film
<i>The Black Balloon</i>	Film
<i>The Counterfeiters</i>	Film
<i>The Sapphires</i>	Film
<i>The Help</i> (novel by Kathryn Stockett)	Film and novel
<i>The Kite Runner</i> (novel by Khaled Hosseini)	Film and novel
<i>The Motorcycle Diaries</i> (memoir by Ernesto "Che" Guevara)	Film and novel
<i>Persepolis</i> by Marjane Satrapi	Graphic Novel
<i>The Sacrifice</i> by Bruce Mutard	Graphic Novel
<i>The Sandman</i> series by Neil Gaiman	Graphic Novel
<i>When The Wind Blows</i> by Raymond Briggs	Graphic Novel
<i>Requiem for a Beast</i> by Matt Otley	Multimodal
<i>Jasper Jones</i> by Craig Silvey	Novel
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	Novel
<i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak	Novel
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> by Mark Haddon	Novel
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> by Oscar Wilde	Novel
<i>The Running Man</i> by Michael Bauer	Novel

<i>The Story of Tom Brennan</i> by J C Burke	Novel
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee	Novel
<i>The Arrival</i> by Shaun Tan	Picture book
<i>The Island</i> by Armin Greder	Picture book
<i>Black Rock</i> by Nick Enright	Play
<i>Macbeth</i> by William Shakespeare	Play
<i>Three Plays by Asian Australians</i> , Don Batchelor ((Ed.))	Play
<i>Father Knows Best</i>	Television
<i>Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.</i>	Television
<i>Modern Family</i>	Television
<i>The Mentalist</i>	Television
Poetry / Poets	
<i>Antipodes: Poetic Responses</i> , Margaret Bradstock (Ed.)	
Austlit Website (http://www.austlit.edu.au/)	
Australian Poetry Library (http://www.poetrylibrary.edu.au/)	
Banjo Patterson (AB)	
Billy Collins - action poetry (http://www.bcactionpoet.org/)	
Leonard Cohen (Stranger Music: Selected Poems and Songs)	
<i>Sixty Classic Australian Poems</i>	
<i>Top Lines</i> , D Jensen and M Granger (Eds.) http://www.phoenixeduc.com/shop/item/top-lines-from-australian-contemporary-poets	
Wilfred Owen	
<i>Windchimes: Asia in Australia Poetry</i> , Rowe and Smith (Eds.)	
Non-fiction	
<i>My Place</i> by Sally Morgan	Autobiography
<i>The Happiest Refugee</i> by Anh Do	Autobiography
<i>Escape from Camp 14</i> by Blaine Harden	Biography
<i>One Crowded Hour: Neil Davis</i> by Tim Bowden	Biography
<i>From Kinglake to Kabul</i>	Creative Non fiction
<i>Riding The Black Cockatoo</i>	Creative Non fiction
<i>Born Into Brothels</i>	Documentary
<i>I Am a Girl</i>	Documentary
<i>Paul Kelly - Stories of me</i>	Documentary
<i>Wasteland</i>	Documentary
<i>When We Were Kings</i>	Documentary

<i>Freedom Writers</i> (2007 film drama based on <i>The Freedom Writers Diary : How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them</i> by Erin Gruwell)	Film and Non fiction
<i>Into Thin Air</i> by Jon Krakauer	Film and Non fiction
<i>Go Back to Where You Came From</i>	Television
<i>Redfern Now</i> - Blackfella Films	Television
<i>Dust echoes</i> http://www.abc.net.au/dustechoes/	Website
Making multicultural Australia http://www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au/	Website
Everyday and Workplace texts	
Choice: http://www.choice.com.au/	Website
Compare mobile phone plans: http://youcompare.com.au/mobilephones; http://youcompare.com.au/mobilephones	Website
Computer games in the classroom – teacher resource: http://www.ludiclearning.org/; http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2014/07/literature-ethics-physics-its-all-in-video-games-at-this-norwegian-school/	Website
Consumer Protection: http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection	Website
Consumer Rights (WA): http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/consumer-rights	Website
Equal Opportunities Commission - Your Rights: http://www.eoc.wa.gov.au/Publications/YourRights.aspx#	Website (multiple PDF's)
How to apply for a job: http://jobaccess.gov.au/content/how-apply-job	Website
InfoChoice Compare car insurance: http://www.infochoice.com.au/compare-car-insurance/; http://www.comparethemarket.com.au/car-insurance/	Website
Novice Driver 120 Hours Supervised Driving Trial: Regional and Remote Final Report – November 2010 : http://www.ors.wa.gov.au/Documents/Novice-Drivers/ors-novice-drivers-report-120-hours-regional.aspx	Website (downloadable as a PDF)
Safe Work Australia: http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA	Website
The Australian internet and technology discussion forums: http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/	Website
WA Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984: http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/wa/consol_act/osaha1984273/	Website
WA Office of Road Safety – Novice Drivers: http://www.ors.wa.gov.au/Road-Safety-Topics/Road-Users/Novice-Drivers.aspx	Website

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<i>Interpreter of Maladies: Stories</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri	Anthology
<i>The Thing Around your Neck</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anthology
<i>Turning Point</i> by Tim Winton	Anthology
<i>Calvin and Hobbes</i> by Bill Waterson	Cartoons/Comic book
<i>Captain America</i> , Marvel Comics	Cartoons/Comic book
<i>The Adventures of Asterix</i> by Goscinny and Underzo	Cartoons /comic book
<i>Children of Men</i>	Film
<i>Citizen Kane</i> (1941) by Orson Welles	Film
<i>Gran Torino</i>	Film
<i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> by Hayao Miyazaki	Film
<i>Samson and Delilah</i> (2009)	Film
<i>Ten Canoes</i> by Rolf De Heer	Film
<i>The Book Thief</i> by Marcus Zusak	Film and novel
<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F Scott Fitzgerald	Film and novel
<i>Extremely Loud and in Incredibly Close</i> by Johnathon Saffran Foer	Film and graphic novel
<i>American Born Chinese</i> by Gene Luen Yang	Graphic novel
<i>Mary Shelley's Frankenstein</i> by Zdenk Basic and Manuel Sumberac	Graphic novel
<i>Maus</i> by Art Spiegelman	Graphic novel
<i>V for Vendetta</i> by A Moore and V Lloyd	Graphic novel
<i>1984</i> by George Orwell	Novel
<i>A Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley	Novel
<i>Jasper Jones</i> by Craig Silvey	Novel
<i>Swallow the Air</i> by Tara June Winch	Novel
<i>The Broken Shore</i> by Peter Temple	Novel
<i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy	Novel
<i>The Secret River</i> by Kate Grenville	Novel
<i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe	Novel
<i>My Hiroshima</i> by Junko Morimoto	Picture book

<i>The Rabbits</i> by Shaun Tan	Picture book
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams	Play
<i>Cosi</i> by Louis Nowra	Play
<i>Influence</i> by David Williamson	Play
<i>No Sugar</i> by Jack Davis	Play
<i>Othello</i> by William Shakespeare	Play
<i>Summer of the Seventeenth Doll</i> by Ray Lawler	Play
<i>The Shoe Horn Sonata</i> by John Misto	Play
<i>Elementary</i>	Television
<i>Madmen</i>	Television
<i>Twilight Zone</i>	Television
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<i>Antipodes: Poetic Responses</i> , Margaret Bradstock (Ed.) http://www.phoenixeduc.com/shop/item/antipodes-poetic-responses/english	
<i>Austlit Website</i> (http://www.austlit.edu.au/)	
Australian Poetry Library (http://www.poetrylibrary.edu.au/)	
Bruce Dawe	
Christina Rossetti	
Gwen Harwood	
Judith Wright	
Oodgeroo Noonuccal	
<i>Peripheral Light: Selected and new poems</i> by John Kinsella	
Romaine Moreton	
Sylvia Plath	
Wilfred Owen	
<i>Windchimes: Asia in Australia Poetry</i> , Rowe and Smith (Eds.)	
Wordsworth	
Non Fiction	
<i>Infidel</i> by Ayaan Hirsi Ali	Autobiography
<i>Escape from Camp 14</i> by Blaine Harden	Biography
<i>20,000 Days on Earth</i>	Docudrama
<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	Documentary
<i>BlackFish</i>	Documentary
<i>The Cove</i>	Documentary
<i>Unpolished Gem</i>	Documentary

<i>Utopia</i> by John Pilger	Documentary
<i>Waiting for Superman</i>	Documentary
<i>Dear America - Letters Home From Vietnam</i>	Film
<i>First Australians</i> by Rachel Perkins	Non fiction
<i>Speeches that changed the world</i> by Simon Sebag Montefiore	Non fiction
<i>The Best Australian Essays 2013</i> http://bestaustralianwriting.com.au/	Non fiction
<i>The Shark Net</i> by Robert Drewe	Non fiction
<i>We Are the Weather Makers</i> by Tim Flannery	Non fiction
<i>Once Upon a Time in Cabramatta</i> (Bernadette Lim)	Television documentary
Australian War Memorial website http://www.awm.gov.au/	Website
Computer games in the classroom – teacher resource: http://www.ludiclearning.org/ ; http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2014/07/literature-ethics-physics-its-all-in-video-games-at-this-norwegian-school/	Website
Mapping Australian higher education (Report): http://grattan.edu.au/publications/reports/post/mapping-australian-higher-education-2013	Website (available as a PDF)
PISA 2012 Results: Creative Problem Solving: Students' skills in tackling real-life problems: http://www.oecd.org/pisa/keyfindings/pisa-2012-results-volume-v.htm	Website
Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Australia: http://www.acer.edu.au/ozpisa	Website
Everyday texts	
The Oatmeal: http://theoatmeal.com/blog	Blog
Thought Provoking Blogs: http://www.pinterest.com/kristinkaufman/kristin-kaufmans-selection-of-thought-provoking-bl/	Blog
Big Think: http://bigthink.com/	Website
Ideas worth spreading: http://www.ted.com/	Website