

Year 1 Suggested Pre-reading:

You are not required to have read the texts contained on this list. These are included as suggestions should you wish to enhance your knowledge of the texts in advance of the course.

Othello

Text

- *Othello*: Revised Edition (The Arden Shakespeare Third Series) (ISBN: 978-1472571762)
NOTE: The Arden Shakespeare series is the best for students as it includes extensive notes. However, you may require a different version of the text later in the course for exam purposes.

BBC Sounds

- Full Length Play: *Othello*
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08b2cgm>

British Library

- 'An Introduction to Shakespearean Tragedy' by Kiernan Ryan
<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/an-introduction-to-shakespearean-tragedy>
- 'Critical approaches to Othello' by Virginia Mason Vaughan
<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/critical-approaches-to-othello>
- 'Racism, misogyny and "motiveless malignity" in Othello' by Kiernan Ryan
<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/racism-misogyny-and-motiveless-malignity-in-othello>
- 'Misunderstanding in Othello' by Michael Donker
<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/misunderstanding-in-othello>

Podcasts

- 'Approaching Shakespeare... Othello' - Emma Smith
<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/othello>

YouTube

- *Othello*: Video Playlist
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHjj4c99zsSDDaruo2a-WM6dBVK3NtORs>

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Text

Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (Penguin Classics) (ISBN: 978-0141439594)

BBC Sounds

- *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* - In Our Time (Melvyn Bragg)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b078zcrr>

British Library

- 'Sexuality and desire in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*' by Margaret R Higonnet
<https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/sexuality-and-desire-in-tess-of-the-durbervilles>

Literary Criticism

- "'Cruel Persuasion": Seduction, Temptation, and Agency in Hardy's *Tess*' by James A. W. Heffernan
<https://victorianweb.org/authors/hardy/heffernan.html>

YouTube

- Royal Holloway English – *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* – Dr Sophie Gilmartin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiDLdOUDE2Q>
- University of Kent School of English - *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* - Dr Sara Lyons
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52LuPuCHyPk>

Death of a Salesman

Text

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (Methuen Drama) (ISBN: 978-1408108413)

A movie version of the play is available on DVD: *Death of a Salesman* (1985) starring Dustin Hoffman and John Malkovich. We will be studying the written text, but watching the movie will help you understand the parallel timelines.

Literary Criticism

- 'Tragedy and the Common Man' – Arthur Miller
<https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/books/00/11/12/specials/miller-common.html>

Podcast

- '*Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller' - Dr Stephen Marino
<https://www.theplaypodcast.com/013-death-of-a-salesman-by-arthur-miller/>