



ENGLISH AND DRAMA

Welcome to the English and Drama Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

As this month is Black History Month, we thought it especially important to celebrate work from black writers, artists and performers.

Engage, reflect and share in this great opportunity!

READ

English: Follow [this link](#) to read Chapter 2 of 'The Hate U Give'

The Hate U Give is a 2017 young adult novel by Angie Thomas. It is Thomas's debut novel, expanded from a short story she wrote in college in reaction to the police shooting of Oscar Grant. The book is narrated by Starr Carter, a 16-year-old black girl from a poor neighborhood who attends an elite private school in a predominantly white, affluent part of the city.

Drama: Follow [this link](#) to read an article exploring the casting of **Hamilton The Musical**.

Hamilton the musical was written by Lin Manuel- Miranda and explored the story of one of the America's founding father's – Alexander Hamilton.

The diversity present within the show's casting was a deliberate choice by the writer and director - Miranda describes the show as "America then, as told by America today". Hamilton is available to watch on Disney+

LISTEN

English: Follow [this link](#) to listen to an extract from Maya Angelou's autobiographies in which she discovers poetry! Maya Angelou was an African American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

Drama: Follow [this link](#) to listen to Malaika Kegode performing her poem 'Music'

Malaika is a writer, producer and performance poet. In 2018 she was included in the BME Power list, celebrating Bristol's 100 most influential black and minority ethnic people. Her latest project 'Outlier' was commissioned by Bristol Old Vic where she performed to sell out audiences and also streamed the performance live to hundreds at home.

Notably, Malaika is also an ex-SDCC student!! Scan the QR code on the alumni board along the drama corridor to find out more.

WATCH

English: Follow [this link](#) to watch Akala's Fire in the Booth (Part 1)

Akala is a British rapper, journalist, author, activist and poet from Kentish Town, London. In this enlightening video, Akala skillfully raps about his experiences growing up in London, the history of how black people have been treated in both the UK and the US and what that means for black people today. Be mindful that some of the topics he covers are sensitive ones.

Drama: Follow [this link](#) to watch BBC's adaptation of Noughts + Crosses.

This series has been adapted from the novel written by Malorie Blackman. The series is set in an alternative history where black "Cross" people rule over white "Noughts".

The series boasts an impressive cast, with some prominent black actors taking centre stage. The cast also includes British rapper, Stormzy.

DO

English: Choose one of the people you have explored in either the Read, Watch or Listen – or any other black artist/writer of your choice – and **write them a letter explaining what you have learnt from their work**, and what it made you feel.

Drama: Choose one of the people you have explored in either the Read, Watch or Listen – or any other black artist/writer/performer of your choice as a **stimulus** for your own creativity. You could use the **themes and issues** explored in their work to **create** your own script/devised piece of theatre.