



# 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.**

It's May and the month leading up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In English, we are going to look at Literature's links to royalty!

In Drama we will look at different examples of what it means to be 'royal' – some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them!!

## READ

**English:** Read a poem called *The Young Queen*, focusing on Queen Victoria coming to the throne at just 18 years old:

[http://ebbarchive.org/poems/the\\_young\\_queen.php](http://ebbarchive.org/poems/the_young_queen.php)

Elizabeth Barrett Browning was an English poet of the Victorian era, popular in Britain and the United States during her lifetime.

**Drama:** Read the opening scene of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Explore the original Shakespearean text alongside a modern translation:

<https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/twelfthnight/act-1-scene-1/>

This play focuses on cases of mistaken identity, hidden love and love across different social status'.

## LISTEN

**English:** Listen to Prince Charles, who is president of the Royal Shakespeare Company, discuss Shakespeare's royal links:

<https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/podcasts/60-minutes-shakespeare/shakespeares-royal-links/>

**Drama:** Listen to Olivia Coleman who plays Queen Elizabeth II in *The Crown* and her co-stars briefly describe how she 'becomes' the Queen:

<https://youtu.be/QjgMTNpeZtw>

## WATCH

**English:** Watch the current Poet Laureate (21st) to discuss the ongoing importance of poetry, in his role:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFcsS7RrWXs>

The British Poet Laureate is an honorary position appointed by the monarch of the United Kingdom.

**Drama:** Watch how the RSC are preparing to share *Henry VI: Rebellion and War of the Roses* in Stratford-Upon-Avon this Summer:

<https://youtu.be/tV0tXuAJGiE>

## DO

**English:** Imagine you are at the Queen's coronation and write a letter to a friend, describing the emotions and events.

**Drama:** Have a go at designing your own 'street party'. Research 'model box designs' to give you some inspiration for 3D designs.