



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 is October and it is Black History month! This month, in English, we are celebrating Black literature, both it's rich past and bright future.

READ

ENGLISH: Read a literary timeline, created by the British Library, exploring black literature in Britain:

<https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/activities/black-literature-timeline>

Or choose a poem or two from the Poetry Foundation's 'celebrating Black History Month' collection:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/101640/celebrating-black-history-month>

DRAMA: Read about the Black British Theatre Awards – influential practitioners recognised for their contribution to UK theatre:

<https://www.blackbritishtheatreawards.com/new-blog/2022/9/14/our-2022-shortlisted-nominees>

LISTEN

ENGLISH: Listen to various authors discuss the legacy of African-American Literature:

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

DRAMA: Listen to Josette Bushell-Mingo (actress, director and current Principal of Central School of Speech and Drama) perform a song from *Nina: A Story about Me and Nina Simone* :

<https://youtu.be/GEYZRwtJHls>

WATCH

ENGLISH: Watch the late author Toni Morrison discuss the future of Black Literature:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-pMvqRG-LM>

DRAMA: Watch a clip about Sidney Poitier, the first black actor to receive an Oscar, talking about the challenges he faced entering the profession:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/01/08/us/what-sidney-poitier-said-about-race/index.html>

DO

ENGLISH: Create a poster of your own to celebrate Black literature, it's history and it's bright future.

DRAMA: Select an influential black person from history and create a costume design for them to wear (if a play were to be written about their life).