



ENGLISH

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

November is about remembrance and traditions, but it is also a month that celebrates the genre of non-fiction – factual texts that help us learn vicariously about the world around us. Let's delve right in...

READ

Protestant monarch James I was on the throne when Guy Fawkes, and several other conspirators, attempted to assassinate him in November 1605. Following the failed plot, poet John Milton crafted his famous poem that begins: "Remember, remember! The fifth of November".

Why not learn more about the complex and contradictory character of James I in Rudyard Kipling's poem below:

[James I](http://kiplingsociety.co.uk) - kiplingsociety.co.uk

WATCH

On 11th November, Remembrance Day is held to commemorate the fallen soldiers of WWI and to mark the sacrifices of veterans in all conflicts after that date.

Actor Christopher Eccleston reads the poem *Dulce Et Decorum Est* by poet Wilfred Owen to highlight the stark realities of trench warfare:

[Dulce Et Decorum Est by Wilfred Owen: Read by Christopher Eccleston](#) - YouTube

Now watch a more visual version:

[Dulce Et Decorum Est Animation](#) - YouTube

LISTEN

Have you heard of or witnessed the spectacle of the Flaming Tar Barrels held in Ottery St Mary?

It is a November custom that no one forgets, although many seem to have overlooked why it began in the first place.

Listen to the infectious excitement of the participants and spectators as they immerse themselves in the fiery tradition:

[Ottery St Mary: Tar Barrels](http://visitsouthdevon.co.uk) - visitsouthdevon.co.uk

DO

A flashback is a structural device where a story breaks away from the present by showing a past event.

Write a creative non-fiction (factual) story about a well-loved tradition that you enjoy, and start with a flashback.