

Teacher Recommended Texts May 2014

Category	Text Name	Author/Director	Detail	Related Links
Oral	Various public speeches	Mark Twain	Entertaining and lively speeches, illustrating structure and organisation of ideas and tone.	http://archive.org/stream/marktwainsspeech03188gut/3188.txt http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3188?msg=welcome_stranger
Oral	I Have a Dream	Dr Martin Luther King	Speeches, persuasive writing, oral delivery of speeches, organisation and structure	http://mp3skull.com/mp3/martin_luther_king_speech.html
Oral	Various speeches	Barack Obama	Written text and YouTube	http://obamaspeeches.com/ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZdl44R6HEQ
Oral	Life of Sojourner Truth: Ain't I A Woman	Sojourner Truth	Language use, oral delivery, rhetorical techniques, themes of injustice and inequality	
Novel	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Classic junior cycle text	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0056592/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	The Knife of Never Letting Go	Patrick Ness	Long, but unusual, exciting, well written, challenging ideas, male and female protagonists	
Novel	The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	Introduce young readers to The Lord of the Rings Lots of resources available	http://www.shmoop.com/hobbit/resources.html
Novel	A Kestrel for a Knave	Barry Hines	Gritty, real, themes of family, school, identity.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0064541/ Ken Loach film adaptation
Novel	Warhorse	Michael Morpurgo	Michael Morpurgo, has written nearly 100 books for children, many of them war stories.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1568911/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	Light on Snow	Anita Shreve	'The events of a December afternoon...forever alter eleven-year-old Nicky Dillon's understanding of the world which she is about to enter and the adults who inhabit it'	
Novel	Skellig	David Almond	Award-winning, unsentimental	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0382301/?ref =fn_al_tt_1
Novel	Valentina	Kevin McDermott	Suitable for third year	

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Novel	Pirates	Celia Rees	Swashbuckling, historical backdrop, two young female protagonists	http://www.celiarees.com/
Novel	Life: An Exploded Diagram	Mal Peet	Coming of age novel, background in 1950s and 1960s	Book trailer http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8wQmSQoFRs
Novel	Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes	Science-fiction	Film adaptation http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0062794/?ref =nv_sr_2
Novel	The Serious Kiss	Mary Hogan	Third Year, mixed ability	
Novel	Benny and Omar	Eoin Colfer	Wexford to Tunisia!	http://vimeo.com/25502206
Novel	Star Girl	Jenny Spinelli		
Novel	Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Full movie available on YouTube	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0398808/
Novel	Wonder	R.J. Palacio	Novel that is character driven rather than plot driven. A novel about acceptance of oneself and by others. Deals with themes of family, school, personal growth and difference.	http://rjpalacio.com/ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFRuh1fPygg
Novel	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne	V popular in primary schools	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0914798/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	Anita & Me	Meera Syal	growing up, autobiography, identity, childhood caught between two cultures	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0303661/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Inspiring imagination, supernatural element.	Many film versions http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1067106/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	1st, 2nd, and 3rd years. Dystopian fiction genre, suitable for boys and girls, full of tension and suspense	
Novel	Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	First in a series, dystopian fiction...readers will want to read all of the series. Look for it in the Science Fiction section in the library	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1731141/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	Goodnight Mister Tom	Michelle Magorian	1st, 2nd Yrs, Fantastic book, holds the interest of all readers - a great book to encourage reading	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0175680/?ref =nv_sr_3

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Novel	Thursday's Child	Sonya Hartnett	Award winner for more able readers, set in Australian outback during the great depression, probably best for 2nd/3rd Years	
Novel	Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	Great as an introduction to the novel for 1st Years - humorous and poignant	
Novel	Billionaire Boy	David Walliams	'Having all the money in the world isn't always ideal' - another good fiction starter for 1st Yrs.	
Novel	The Recruit	Robert Muchamore	2nd/ 3rd years, in the CHERUB series	http://www.amazon.co.uk/Recruit-Cherub-Robert-Muchamore/dp/0340881534/ref=sr_1_9?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1398953791&sr=1-9&keywords=robert+muchamore
Novel	Buddy	Nigel Hinton		
Novel	Foster	Claire Keegan	Themes of family, childhood, but on the Leaving Cert course	
Novel	In Pieces	Trinity Comprehensive Writers	JCSP students and reluctant readers, written by Irish teenagers for Irish teenagers	
Novel	Alone On A Wide Wide Sea	Michael Morpurgo	Literary techniques, personal health and social education	
Novel	Wildflower Girl	Marita Conlon McKenna	Knowledge and understanding of famine, coffin ships, human story of Irish history.	https://www.obrien.ie/
Novel	I am David	Anne Holm	Connects with The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, studied by many in primary school. Historical and geographical understanding of WW2.	
Novel	The Giver	Lois Lowry	Dystopian, future, First in a series of four	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0435651/?ref=fn_al_tt_1
Novel	Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor		http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0078173/?ref=nv_sr_1
Novel	The Haunting	Margaret Mahy	1 st , 2 nd years. Explores family, gender and identity. Has a supernatural element by a fantastic writer	

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Novel	The Housekeeper and The Professor	Yoko Ogawa	New ways of thinking about numbers, memory and the bonds that can draw people together.	
Novel	Holes	Louis Sachar		http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0311289/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	On Leaving Cert course	
Novel	I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	Witty, enchanting novel about growing up	
Novel	Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery.	Children's classic	
Novel	Animal Farm	George Orwell	Political allegory, several film adaptations	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0204824/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	The Outsiders	S.E Hinton	'The original teenage rebel story', first published in 1967	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0086066/?ref =nv_sr_1
Novel	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Film adaptations 1963 and 1990	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0057261/?ref =nv_sr_2
Novel	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time	Mark Haddon	Was on the Leaving Cert course	
Novel	Taking Flight	Sheena Wilkinson	Moving from a harsh West Belfast estate to the glamour of the show-jumping ring...	
Novel	Gangsta Rap	Benjamin Zephaniah	Set in London's East End, about three boys, excluded from school, who want to be rappers.	
Novel	Once	Morris Gleitzman	Set in WW2, tells story of a Jewish boy Felix on the run from the Nazis. first of trilogy (Then, and Now)	
Novel	Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy	'Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary'...first in series	
Novel				
Novel	Sweet Venom	Tera Lynn Childs	3 rd Year, Higher Level	
Novel	Million Dollar Gift	Ian Somers	2 nd Year Mixed Ability Fast-paced thriller, Irish	http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13579011-million-dollar-gift

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Novel	[Wide range of titles]	Roald Dahl	Sheer entertainment ...usually perfectly suited to younger readers...so, many will have been read in primary school	
Digital	Best websites: Education	Telegraph	Best Education websites from The Telegraph - for non- literary material	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/6550903/Best-websites-Education.html
Digital	101 Excellent Sites for English Educators	GoEd	101 Excellent sites for English teachers	http://www.goedonline.com/101-websites-for-english-teachers
Digital	Integrating Digital technology	Teach Net Ireland	Practical integration of digital technology with teaching and learning	http://www.teachnet.ie/SitePages/Home.aspx
Drama	Much Ado About Nothing	William Shakespeare	Reading, Active Drama Activities, Language, Writing on themes, character, genre and setting.	
Drama	Dancing at Lughnasa	Brian Friel	Adult themes	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120643/?ref =nv_sr_4
Drama	Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	All students - it really speaks to them	
Drama	Much Ado About Nothing	Shakespeare	Lively characters, humour, dramatic scenes...	
Drama	Taming of the Shrew	Shakespeare	All of the attributes of Shakespearean drama, particularly entertaining theme and character	
Drama	The Shaughraun	Dion Boucicault	Fun Victorian melodrama, replete with moustachioed villain.	
Drama	Juno and the Paycock	Sean O'Casey	Historical play with strong female protagonist, included in LC course lists	
Drama	Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Although an obvious choice, this text never fails to grab the students' attention and always provokes interesting debate	
Drama	Chatroom	Enda Walsh	Character study, relevant to lives of teenagers	

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Drama	Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman	Adapted from the novel	
Drama	Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	Adapted by Simon Reade from the novel	
Drama	KES	Barry Hines and Allan Stronach	Adapted from the novel	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0083866/?ref =nv_sr_1
Drama	Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Short. Dramatic action. Clear imagery. Simple language. Explores the consequences of evil deeds. LC course	
Drama	Blood Brothers	Willy Russell	Relationships, accents, setting, class, character	
Drama	Our day Out	Willy Russell	Ordinary Level, relationships, setting	
Drama	The Cripple of Inishmaan	Martin McDonagh	Disability, relationships, rural	
Drama	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Mark Haddon play adapted by Simon Stephens	setting, character, humour, relationships	
Drama	Pastoral Care	Gerald Murphy	Humour, school dynamics, class	
Drama	Ode to Life	Richie O'Sullivan	Stage directions, dialogue	
Drama	The Ramblers	Graham Stull	Predictions, setting, creative writing	
Drama	Billy Elliot	Stephen Daldry adapted for the stage by Lee Hall	Relationships, teenage struggle over adversity, difference, accents, dialogue, stage directions	
Drama	The Query	Woody Allen		
Drama	A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Humour, setting, fantasy, character	
Drama	Fawlty Towers	John Cleese and Connie Booth	Humour	
Drama	The Simpsons	Matt Groening	Comedy, family, relationships, pop culture	

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Drama	Monty Python's Flying Circus	John Cleese, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle, Terry Gilliam,	Comedy, parody, satire, pop culture	
Poetry		Ted Hughes		
Poetry		Mary Oliver		
Poetry		Leanne O'Sullivan		
Poetry		Liz Loxley		
Poetry		Elizabeth Jennings		
Poetry		Michael Rosen		
Poetry		Wilfred Owen		
Poetry		Sinéad Morrissey		
Poetry		Wendy Cope		
Poetry		WB Yeats		
Poetry	Brothers	Andrew Forster	Many of Forster's poems are great for considering growing up/ childhood/ memories etc.	
Poetry	Any poem by Simon Armitage or Carol Ann Duffy	Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy	Taught Armitage and Duffy's poetry in UK and teenagers loved them	
Poetry	Citizen of the World	Dave Calder	diversity and inclusion; issue of national identity	
Poetry		Seamus Heaney		
Poetry	Sonnets	William Shakespeare		

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Poetry		Rita Ann Higgins	Themes - social issues, society, young people	
Poetry	Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, The Road not Taken	Robert Frost	Universal themes	
Poetry	Nothing Gold Can Stay	Robert Frost	Universal Themes	
Poetry	Lisdoonvarna	Christy Moore	Challenges their concept of poetry.	Oxford Book of Irish Verse
Poetry		Siegfried Sassoon Wilfred Owen	War poetry 2nd and 3rd years	War poetry anthologies e.g. Penguin and poetry websites
Poetry		Roald Dahl	Sheer entertainment	
Poetry	Something Beginning with P: New Poems from Irish Poets	Edited by Seamus Cashman	Poems written for young people, wide variety of themes and forms	http://www.obrien.ie/something-beginning-with-p
Poetry	Irish Historical Ballads		Knowledge of Irish history, teaching the ballad form, local awareness	
Poetry		Ted Hughes	Unique vision, especially of nature and themes of beauty	
Poetry		Langston Hughes	Themes-courage in adversity, personal price of prejudice, knowledge of slavery and its aftermath	
Poetry		Eavan Boland	Gives validity to woman's experience, theme of motherhood, family, alienation, friendship, steeped in Irish history	
Poetry		Maya Angelou	Themes of poverty, powerlessness, unique voice, role of poets and poetry in society, awareness of social issues in America and throughout the western world	
Poetry		Allan Ahlberg	Themes relating to teenage experience. Language accessible and structure of poetry a good starting point in appreciating the form of poetry.	http://www.poemhunter.com/allan-ahlberg/

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Poetry	Incantation by Laughter	Velemir Khlebnikov	Exploring the concept of poetry	http://www.poemhunter.com/velimir-khlebnikov/
Poetry	Snake Glides	Keith Bosley	Shape poetry Google 'Snake Glides' for a PDF of some shape poems	
Poetry	For Sale, Baby shoes, Never Worn.	ANON (attributed to Hemmingway)	Exploring the concept of poetry	
Poetry	This is Just to Say	William Carlos Williams	Exploring the concept of poetry	
Poetry	The Lion	Hilaire Belloc	Exploring the concept of poetry	
Poetry	Rubbish At Adultery	Sophie Hannah	Poetry and humour	
Poetry	Onomatopoeia	Jonathon Goldman	Onomatopoeia	
Poetry	maggie milly molly and mae	e e cummings	Alliteration and imagery	
Poetry	Daffodils	Wordsworth	Imagery and personification	
Poetry	The sky is low, the clouds are mean	Emily Dickinson	Personification and adjectives	
Poetry	Two Sunflowers Move into the Yellow Room	Nancy Willard (Poem mistakenly attributed to William Blake)	Personification and imagery and dialogue <i>A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travellers</i>	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-22971225
Poetry	But You Didn't	Merill Glass	War poetry, narrator etc.	
Poetry	The Witches (from Macbeth)	William Shakespeare	Oral work, rhythm, imaginative wordplay and Halloween work	
Poetry	Valentine	Carol Ann Duffy	Humour, love	
Poetry	Christmas Childhood	Patrick Kavanagh	Christmas, Imagery	

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Poetry	Spring	Gerard Manley Hopkins	Imagery, alliteration, rhythm, Spring	
Poetry	ALL THE PRETTY HORSES	Cormac McCarthy	Storytelling, precision and beauty of language. Have fun inserting the commas!	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_the_Pretty_Horses_(novel)
Poetry	NEMESIS	Philip Roth	Storytelling, precision of language. Existential / spiritual / sexual issues for young people.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nemesis_(Philip_Roth_novel)
Poetry	John Bull's Other Island	George Bernard Shaw	Discussing Irish identity and the differing pre/post boom ethos'	
Poetry		Paul Muldoon	Playful and intelligent use of language. Energetic and eclectic work that should appeal to teenage readers.	
Poetry	For Heidi with the Blue Hair	Fleur Adcock	Deals with a teenager's identity formation. Will appeal to any student who feels different. On LC courses	
Poetry		William Carlos Williams	Simplicity and clarity of language will demonstrate that poetry doesn't have to be obscure	
Poetry	A Set of Instructions to Be Used When Reading a Poem	Glenn Colquhoun	Audio-file, listen to the instructions being read	http://www.lyrikline.org/en/poems/set-instructions-be-used-when-reading-poem-8345
Poetry	Hurt No Living Thing	Christina Rossetti	onomatopoeia alliteration	http://allpoetry.com/poem/8449185-Hurt_No_Living_Thing-by-Christina_Georgina_Rossetti
Poetry	Warning	Joseph, Jenny	Theme of advice. Imagery. Jenny Joseph, 'Selected Poems', (Bloodaxe Books 1992).	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cACbzanitg
Poetry	The Summer Day	Oliver, Mary	Theme of advice. Paying attention. Rhetorical questions. Mary Oliver, 'House of Light' (Beacon Press, Boston, 1990).	http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/133.html
Poetry	The Runaway	Robert Frost	Theme of family. Using simile. The Poetry of Robert Frost, ed. Edward Connery Lathem, (Henry Holt and Company LLC, 1969)	

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Poetry		Jackie Kay	Narrative in poetry. Themes of fantasy, growing up & relationships. 'Two's Company', Jackie Kay, (The Wylie Agency Ltd. 1992)	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxDI9jWgLRk
Poetry	Oranges	Gary Soto	Theme of love. Narrative in poetry. Colloquial language. 'A Fire in my Hands', Gary Soto, (Harcourt Children's Books, 2006)	http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/browse/142/3#!/20599498
Poetry	Wild Nights	Emily Dickinson	Exploring extended metaphor.	http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/173343
Poetry	The Life That I Have	Leo Marks	Love poetry.	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/telegraphtv/3460867/Virginia-McKenna-recites-The-Life-That-I-Have.html
Poetry	O hart that soars	Eileen Bridge	Text language. Love poetry.	http://www.accringtonobserver.co.uk/news/local-news/poetry-writing-gran-texts-a-winner-1268938
Poetry	Bodybuilder's Contest	Wislaw Szymborska	Satire. Theme of Sport. Assonance. 'Short and Sweet 101: Very Short Poems', ed. Simon Armitage (Faber, 1999)	http://www.poemhunter.com/wislaw-szymborska/
Poetry	In Memory of George Best	Dermot Bolger	Concept of elegy. Themes of sport & heroes.	
Poetry	she loves me (not)	Anatol Knotek	Concrete poetry. Theme of love.	
Poetry	40 - Love	Roger McGough	Concrete poetry. Theme of love.	
Poetry	Jabberwocky	Lewis Carroll	Nonsense verse. Narrative adventure poem.	
Poetry	Miller's End	Charles Causley	Mystery. Supernatural. Suspense.	
Poetry	Brief Thoughts on Maps	Miroslav Holub	Narrative poetry. Apocryphal stories. Reading.	
Poetry	Rag Doll	Catherine Phil MacCarthy	Concept of persona. Themes of childhood & relationships.	
Poetry	Stealing	Carol Ann Duffy	Concept of monologue. Persona.	

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Poetry	A Martian Sends a Postcard Home	Craig Raine	Martian poetry! Imagery.	
Poetry	Claudy	James Simmons	Conflict & war. Ballad form.	
Poetry	Base Details	Siegfried Sassoon	War poetry. Satire. Concept of euphemism.	
Poetry	To My Daughter Betty, The Gift of God	T.M. Kettle	War poetry. Sonnet form. Concept of personification.	
Poetry	Epitaph on a Tyrant	W.H. Auden	Form of epitaph. Concept of inversion. Theme of power.	
Poetry	John Matthias	A Note on Barber's Adagio	Teaching the concept of oxymoron. Poetry inspired by music.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2010/may/15/barbers-adagio-poem-john-matthias
Poetry	The Hunters in the Snow	William Carlos Williams	Imagery. Responding to visual images. Multimodal text.	http://english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/hunters.html
Poetry	Short Story on a Painting of Gustav Klimt	Laurence Ferlinghetti	Love poetry. Free verse. Multimodal text.	http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~donna/personal/poems/the_kiss.html
Poetry	I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (Daffodils)	William Wordsworth	Personification. Power of imagination. Simile & hyperbole.	
Poetry	Miracle on St. David's Day	Gillian Clarke	Teaching the concept of epiphany. Comparative exercise with Wordsworth. Gillian Clarke, "Collected Poems", (Cacarnet, 1997)	http://www.sheerpoetry.co.uk/gcse/gillian-clarke/notes-on-gillian-clarke-poems/miracle-on-st-david-s-day
Poetry	The Song of Wandering Aengus	W.B. Yeats	Case study. Love poetry. Repetition & Assonance. Imagery.	
Poetry	He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven	W.B. Yeats	Case study. Love poetry. Archaic language.	
Poetry	Mushrooms	Sylvia Plath	Case study poet. Adverbs. Tone. Allusion. Persona. Sylvia Plath, "Collected Poems", (Faber and Faber, 2003)	
Poetry	Metaphors	Sylvia Plath	Riddle. Metaphor. Stages of life. Case study poet. Sylvia Plath, "Collected Poems", (Faber and Faber,	

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			2003)	
Poetry	Digging	Seamus Heaney	Flashback. Sibillance. Case study of a poet.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dizJgbNANzk
Poetry	Personal Helicon	Seamus Heaney	Case study poet. Imagery. Onomatopoeia. Rhyme.	
Poetry	Pike	Ted Hughes	Theme of nature & animals. Mood.	
Poetry	Stain	Mary Montague	Aesthetic language.	
Poetry	In Memory of my Mother	Patrick Kavanagh	Relationships, family, legacy. Concept of elegy.	
Poetry	The Laughing Heart	Charles Bukowski	Use of the imperative. Carpe Diem. Multimodal text "Go Forth" Levi's ad.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT16DcHcjRA
Poetry	Looking Up	Sujata Bhatt	Pathetic fallacy & epiphany	
Poetry	Half-Caste	John Agard	Identity, Belonging, Race	http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/john-agard-half-caste/10299.html
Multimodal	Fast Car	Tracy Chapman	Narrative of growing up. Multimodal text song/poem.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tWE9mPM9pw
Multimodal	I Can	Nas	rhythm rhyme colloquial language Tuff City Records	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvVfgvHucRY
Film	Mad Hot Ballroom	Marilyn Agrelo	1st/2nd Years; Lively, fun documentary film; dance program in New York public school system	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0438205/
Film	Touching the Void (2003)	Kevin MacDonald	Docu-drama based on book of same name - story of two climbers and their near fatal attempt to climb a mountain in Peru.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0379557/?ref =nv_sr_1
Film	The Wind that Shakes the Barley	Paul Laverty	Irish drama, history, cultural relevance (1916 centenary and civil war centenary)	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0460989/?ref =nv_sr_1
Film	The Hobbit	Philippa Boyens, Peter	Hero & villain, fantasy, friendship, journey story,	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2310332/?ref =nv_sr_3

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		Jackson, Fran Walsh and Guillermo Del Toro	good vs evil,	
Film	The Searchers	John Ford		http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0049730/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	Billy Elliot	Stephen Daldry		http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0249462/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	Into the West	Mike Newell	A study of man, nature	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104522/?ref=mv_sr_2
Film	The Birds	Alfred Hitchcock	Age appropriate point of view, language, themes	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0056869/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	The Outsiders	Francis Ford Coppola		http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0086066/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	ET	Stephen Spielberg	All years. Classic coming of age movie.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0083866/?ref=mv_sr_4
Film	Howl's Moving Castle	Hayao Miyazaki	All years. Great visuals, with a nice Wizard of Oz style story. Great for a starting point for story writing.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0347149/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	Somerstown	Shane Meadows	Older groups. Socially aware story of two teenage boys.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1172206/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	The Night of the Hunter	Charles Laughton	3rd years. Noir fairy tale with a multitude of themes.	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0048424/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	Rabbit Proof Fence	Phillip Noyce	Australian adventure	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0252444/?ref=fn_al_tt_1
Film	Whale Rider	Niki Caro	Story of love, rejection, and triumph	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0298228/?ref=mv_sr_1
Film	The Long Walk Home	Richard Pearce	2nd and 3rd years theme of racism in U.S, Martin Luther King and Montgomery Bus Boycott	http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0100046/?ref=mv_sr_1
Biography	Fever Pitch	Nick Hornby		
Biography	The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank		
Biography	Night	Elie Wiesel	Themes such as powerlessness, imprisonment,	

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			human cruelty, human resilience, hope, persistence	
Biography	The Colour of Water	James McBride	Themes such as imprisonment power and powerlessness, racism, social issues. Historical awareness.	
Short Story	Thicker Than Water: Coming-of-Age Stories by Irish & Irish American Writers	Editor: Gordon Snell		
Short Story	The New Windmill Book of Short Stories	Mike Royston (Ed)		
Short Story	The New Windmill Book of Short Stories from Other Times	Louise Naylor (Ed)		
Short Story	Short Stories for Students	Gale Series		
Short Story		Frank O'Connor	The form of the short story perfected.	
Short Story		Bram Stoker	Suspense, intrigue, conventions of horror	
Short Story	For Sale, Baby shoes, Never Worn.	ANON (attributed to Hemmingway)	What is a short story?	http://www.sixwordstories.net/2008/12/for-sale-baby-shoes-never-worn-ernest-hemmingway/
Short Story	Before the Law	Franz Kafka	Universal relevance.	
Short Story	Charles	Shirley Jackson	First Years - Family and Growing Up	http://www.loa.org/images/pdf/Jackson_Charles.pdf
Short Story	William's Version	Jan Mark	First Years	
Short Story	At the River-Gates	Philippa Pearce	First Years - Remembering- Growing Up - Ghost Story - First Person Narrative	

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Short Story	Christmas Morning	Frank O' Connoe		
Short Story	My Polish Teacher's Tie	Helen Dunmore	Quality of Writing	
Short Story	All Summer in a Day	Ray Bradbury	First Years - Thoughtful Science Fiction	
Short Story	Nothing To Be Afraid Of	Jan Mark		
Short Story	My Oedipus Complex	Frank O' Connor		
Short Story	The Rug	Edna O' Brien		
Short Story	The Potato Gatherers	Brian Friel		
Short Story	A Gentleman's Agreement	Elizabeth Jolley		
Short Story	Fun with a Stranger	Richard Yates		
Short Story	Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit	Sylvia Plath	Introducing students to Plath's writings	
Short Story	The Lottery	Shirley Jackson	Raises very interesting questions on group behaviour- brilliantly written	
Short Story	Powder	Tobias Wolff	Teaching students how to write!	
Short Story	There's a Hole in Everything	Mark Illis	Treatment of bullying. Literary and moving story.	
Short Story		Liam O'Flaherty	A study of man, nature	