

3.36 Further reading for Section A

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Printed below is a list of non-fiction texts in different genres. These are additional examples to those provided in the specification. Select titles to guide your background reading for Section A.

Diaries/Journals:

The Faber Book of Diaries edited by Simon Brett
The Blair Years: the Alastair Campbell Diaries
Diaries, Alan Clark
Free at Last, Tony Benn
The Diary of Virginia Woolf
The Journal of Beatrix Potter from 1881 to 1897 edited by Leslie Linder
The Journal of a Country Parish, by Robin Page
Samuel Pepys' Diary
The Diary of a Country Parson, Rev Francis Kilvert

Letters:

The Oxford Book of Letters edited by Frank and Anita Kermode
The Faber Book of Letters edited by Felix Pryor
Letters Home, Sylvia Plath
John Betjeman: Letters Volumes One and Two edited by Candida Lycett Green
The Letters of Ted Hughes edited by Christopher Reid
The Royal Letter Book edited by Herbert van Thal
The Collected Letters of Mary Wollstonecraft edited by Ralph Wardle
Jane Austen's Letters to her sister Cassandra and Others edited by R.W.Chapman
The Letters of D.H. Lawrence edited by J.T. Boulton
Wilfred Owen: Selected Letters edited by John Bell
Katherine Mansfield: Selected Letters edited by V. O'Sullivan

Travel writing:

Travellers' Tales edited by Eric Newby
The Virago Book of Women Travellers edited by Mary Morris
A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush, Eric Newby
A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson
American Notes, Charles Dickens
In America in the Midst of War, George Sala
The Road to Wigan Pier, George Orwell
Travels with Charley, John Steinbeck
Travels with a Donkey, R.L. Stevenson
Cities, Jan Morris
A Journey to the Western Isles, James Boswell

Reportage:

The Faber Book of Reportage edited by John Carey
The Mammoth Book of How It Happened edited by Jon E. Lewis
Ragged London in 1851, John Hollingshead
Rural Rides, William Cobbett
The Condition of the London Poor, Henry Mayhew

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Polemic:

The Oxford Book of Essays edited by John Gross

Selected Essays, George Orwell

Letters to Daniel, Fergal Keane

Music at Night and Other Essays, Aldous Huxley

The Abolition of Britain, Jeffrey Hitchens

All Must Have Prizes, Melanie Phillips

Open House, J.B. Priestley

Taking Sides, Bernard Levin

Unpopular Essays, Bertrand Russell

I Couldn't Possibly Comment, Matthew Parris

Biography:

The Life of Charlotte Bronte, Elizabeth Gaskell

The Life of Charles Dickens, John Forster

Goodbye to All That, Robert Graves

Collections of Obituaries from *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*

Autobiography:

The Book of Life edited by Eve Claxton

Down and Out in Paris and London, George Orwell

Bad Blood, Lorna Sage

On the Road, Jack Kerouac

Chronicles, Bob Dylan

Is That It? Bob Geldof

Testament of a Generation, Vera Brittain

The Prime of Life, Simone de Beauvoir

My Early Life, Winston Churchill

An Evil Cradling, Brian Keenan

Borstal Boy, Brendan Behan

Survival in Auschwitz, Primo Levi

Long Walk to Freedom, Nelson Mandela

Speeches:

The Penguin Book of Historic Speeches edited by Brian MacArthur

The Penguin Book of 20th Century Speeches edited by Brian MacArthur

Speeches that changed the World edited by Simon Montefiore