

Text Overview: Tutor Reading Programme



Year 10		
Text & Study Link	Short Summary	Key Themes
I Am Malala <i>Malala Yousafzai (2013)</i> http://www.gradesaver.com/i-am-malala	Malala Yousafzai has become a global symbol of peaceful protest after being shot by the Taliban. She is the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. <i>I Am Malala</i> will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.	<i>education, activism, change, family, faith, childhood, coming of age, freedom</i>
To Kill A Mockingbird <i>Harper Lee (1960)</i> http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/mockin/	Told through the eyes of Scout Finch, a young girl, she narrates the story of her father, who finds himself in the middle of a law case. Atticus Finch is a white male lawyer who seeks to defend a black man, Tom Robinson, against the charge of raping a white girl.	<i>race, justice, judgment, morality, ethics, compassion, forgiveness</i>
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry <i>Mildred D. Taylor (1976)</i> http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/rollofthunder/	'We have no choice of what colour we're born or who our parents are or whether we're rich or poor. What we do have is some choice over what we make of our lives once we're here'. The Mississippi of the 1930s was a hard place for a black child to grow up in. Through the story, Cassie learns about the great differences that divided her from others, and when it was worth fighting for a principle even if it brought terrible hardships.	<i>race, language, poverty, religion, justice, injustice, community, education</i>
Life of Pi, <i>Yann Martel (2001)</i> http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/lifeofpi/	A young man fights for survival in a harrowing shipwreck, facing months in a lifeboat with a large Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. Will he make it?	<i>spirituality, growth through adversity</i>
Empire of the Sun <i>J.G. Ballard (1984)</i> https://www.gradesaver.com/empire-of-the-sun	The classic, heartrending story of a British boy's four year ordeal in a Japanese prison camp during the Second World War.	<i>war, childhood, survival</i>
Touching the Void <i>Joe Simpson (1988)</i> http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-touching-the-void/#gsc.tab=0	The book behind the BAFTA award-winning film. ... Touching the Void is the heart-stopping account of Joe Simpson's terrifying adventure in the Peruvian Andes. He and his climbing partner, Simon, reached the summit of the remote Siula Grande in June 1995.	<i>nature, life and death, friendship and trust</i>
The Giver <i>Lois Lowry (1993)</i> http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/giver/	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories, shared by only one other in his community, and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.	<i>memory, the past, rules, choices</i>