

Editor recommended texts

Here are some ideas for texts and films that our language editors have recommended. These are just suggestions though so if there is a particular author or film you would rather look at, you may do so!

English translations can be found in libraries and online bookstores but we encourage giving the texts in their original versions a go too - especially for 6th form submissions! Many of the films can be found online (Amazon, Mubi, Youtube, Netflix) or can be bought on DVD.

FRENCH

○ **TEXTS:**

Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du coran, Eric Schmitt

Stupeur et tremblements, Amélie Nothomb

Le Petit Prince, Antoine de Saint Exupéry

Boule de Suif, Guy de Maupassant

Oran, langue morte Assia Djébar (collection of short stories)

Le Silence de la mer, Vercors (Jean Bruller) (A-level)

Candide, Voltaire (A-Level)

○ **FILMS:**

Entre les murs, Laurent Cantet (15)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1068646/>

Portrait de la jeune fille en feu, Céline Sciamma (15)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8613070/>

Stupeur et tremblements, Alain Corneau (12A)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0318725/>

Les misérables (2019), Ladj Ly (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10199590/?ref_=tt_pg

Amélie, Jean-Pierre Jeunet (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0211915/?ref_=tt_pg

Populaire, Régis Roinsard (12A)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2070776/>

Les Choristes, Christophe Barratier (12A)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0372824/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

Kirikou et les bêtes sauvages, Michel Ocelot, Bénédicte Galup (U)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0455142/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

The Artist, Michel Hazanavicius (PG)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1655442/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Les Parapluies de Cherbourg, Jacques Demy, (U)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0058450/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

SPANISH

○ TEXTS

Como agua para chocolate, Laura esquivel

Soldados de Salamina, Javier Cercas

The Old Man Who Read Love Stories, Luis Sepúlveda

Bodas de Sangre, García Lorca

La casa de los espíritus, Isabel Allende

La mucama de Omicunlé (*Tentacle* in English), Rita Indiana (A level)

○ FILMS:

Soldados de Salamina, David Trueba

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0314693/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios, (12) Pedro Almodóvar

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0095675/?ref=nv_sr_srsq_0

El laberinto del fauno, Guillermo del Toro (15)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0457430/>

Las trece rosas, Emilio Martínez Lázaro (12)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0809533/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

La lengua de las mariposas, José Luis Cuerda (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0188030/?ref=nv_sr_srsq_0

Roma, Alfonso Cuarón (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6155172/?ref=fn_al_tt_2

GERMAN

○ TEXTS

Briefe einer Unbekannten and *Schachnovelle*, Stefan Zweig

Der Sandmann, E.T.A. Hoffmann

Das Fliegende Klassenzimmer, Erich Kästner's (good for GCSE)

Emil und die Detektive, Erich Kästner's (good for GCSE)

The Robbers, Schiller

Der Vorleser, Schlink (A level) → (an English-language film based on the book has also been made: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0976051/> age:15)

Die Judenbuche, Annette von Droste-Hülshoff

Er ist Wieder da, Timur Vermes

Film version:

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4176826/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_0 (12)

○ FILMS

Das Leben der Anderen, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0405094/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_0

Lola Rennt, Tom Tykwer (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0130827/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Die Welle, Dennis Gansel (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1063669/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Goodbye Lenin, Wolfgang Becker (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301357/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Toni Erdmann, Maren Ade (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4048272/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_0

Almanya: Welcome to Germany, Yasemin Şamdereli (U)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1630027/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_0

ITALIAN

○ TEXTS

Io non ho paura, Niccolò Ammaniti

Pinocchio, Carlo Collodi

The Montalbano series, Andrea Camilleri (first in the series is 'La forma dell'Acqua/The Shape of Water')

Scontro di civiltà per un ascensore a Piazza Vittorio, Amara Lakhous

La bella estate, Cesare Pavese

Prima che il gallo canti, Cesare Pavese

L'altare del passato, Guido Gozzano

○ FILMS

Il postino, Michael Radford, Massimo Troisi (U)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0110877/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Bicycle Thieves, Vittorio de Sica (U)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0040522/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Life is Beautiful, Roberto Benigni (PG)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118799/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

The Great Beauty, Paolo Sorrentino (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2358891/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Cinema Paradiso, Giuseppe Tornatore (15)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0095765/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

RUSSIAN

○ TEXTS

Герой нашего времени (A Hero of our Time), Mikhail Lermontov

Отцы и дети (Fathers and Sons), Ivan Turgenev

Москва-Петушки (Moscow-Petushki), Venedikt Erofeev

There Once Lived a Girl Who Seduced Her Sister's Husband, and He Hanged Himself: Love Stories, Ludmilla Petrushevskaya

○ **FILMS**

Человек с киноаппаратом (Man with a Movie Camera), Dziga Vertov
(U) https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0019760/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

[\(56\) Человек с киноаппаратом - документальный фильм 1929 год - YouTube](#) (note, the music was written in 2003!)

Я шагаю по Москве (Walking the Streets of Moscow), Georgiy Daneliya
(not rated)

[Я шагаю по Москве \(1964\) - IMDb](#)

[\(56\) Я шагаю по Москве \(комедия, реж. Георгий Данелия, 1963 г.\) - YouTube](#)

Ирония судьбы (The Irony of Fate), Eldar Ryazanov (U)
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0073179/>

[\(56\) Ирония судьбы, или С легким паром 1 серия \(комедия, реж. Эльдар Рязанов, 1976 г.\) - YouTube](#) (part 1)

[\(56\) Ирония судьбы, или С легким паром 2 серия \(комедия, реж. Эльдар Рязанов, 1976 г.\) - YouTube](#) (part 2)

Бриллиантовая рука (The Diamond Arm), Leonid Gaidai (PG 13)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0062759/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

[\(56\) Бриллиантовая рука \(комедия, реж. Леонид Гайдай, 1968 г.\) - YouTube](#)

Покровские ворота (The Pokrovsky Gate), Mikhail Kozakov (PG)

[Pokrov Gates \(TV Movie 1983\) - IMDb](#)

[\(56\) Покровские ворота 1 серия \(комедия, реж. Михаил Козаков, 1982 г.\) - YouTube](#) (part 1)

[\(56\) Покровские ворота 2 серия \(комедия, реж. Михаил Козаков, 1982 г.\) - YouTube](#) (part 2 - no subtitles)

Курьер (Courier), Karen Shakhnazarov (12/15)

[Курьер \(1986\) - IMDb](#)

[\(56\) Курьер \(комедия, реж. Карен Шахназаров, 1986 г.\) - YouTube](#)

Брат (Brother), Aleksei Balabanov (18)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118767/>

[\(56\) Брат \(фильм в HD\) - YouTube](#) (without subtitles)

LINGUISTICS

○ TEXTS

You Say Potato, David Crystal

Because Internet, Gretchen McCulloch

The Language Instinct, Steven Pinker. (challenging because it has widespread acclaim even though it's academically extremely controversial!)

○ FILM

Arrival, Denis Villeneuve

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2543164/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

<https://www.thecambridgelanguagecollective.com/views/what-is-the-sapir-whorf-hypothesis-and-why-should-you-care-part-ii?rq=arrival>