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There’s nothing as contemporary as a classic

Better than anyone, the great authors of world literature know how to relate to our modern daily life. They understand the challenges we face every day, and help us come up with the solutions to overcome them.

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A wealth of resources you can combine in many different ways, depending on your needs and the characteristics of your students.

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TEACHERS’ RESOURCES
1
Find the CEFR language level, from Pre-A1 to C1.

2
Select the series, based on the target age.

- **earlyreads**
  - 4 to 10 years
- **Green Apple**
  - 7 to 14 years
- **Reading & Training**
  - Young adults / Adults
Choose the didactic approach:

**TRADITIONAL**
The long-established way to teach English through literature: pre-reading activities, exercises at the end of each chapter, exit test.

**LIFE SKILLS**
The story unfolds uninterrupted. Mind maps, critical thinking activities and focus on core values help students to grow emotionally while they study English.

Discuss with your students and find out if they prefer a CLASSIC story or a contemporary ORIGINAL.

Visit blackcat-cideb.com to check the list of titles provided with extra contents: video tips linked to the story, classroom activities and lesson plans.

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Let’s play storytelling!

1 BOX, 4 AMAZING GAMES TO OBSERVE, MEMORISE AND – NEW WORD BY NEW WORD – DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO TELL A STORY.

1. **MEMO STORY TELLER**
   Create a story using the words you find along the path.

2. **ABC**
   A ‘word-hunt’ to enrich student’s vocabulary.

3. **I AM**
   Recognising words, forming questions and demonstrating comprehension.

4. **THE LAST WORD CONNECTIONS**
   Connecting words and inventing narratives through story cards.
PRIMARY
Every night, Dorothy delivers dreams – to adults, children and even pets. Usually everyone gets the dream they want, but one dark night Dorothy can’t see, and she delivers the wrong dreams… But in this delightful, original tale everything ends happily as a chorus of cats comes to the rescue!

A farmer plants a turnip seed and overnight it grows into an enormous turnip! But, even though he and his family pull and pull, they can’t pull the turnip out of the ground. Read how, in this retelling of a delightful tale, a little mouse makes a big difference, and everyone enjoys an enormous turnip meal.

One day Grandma makes a gingerbread man for tea but, when he is cooked, he jumps off the table and runs away. He doesn’t want to be eaten! Grandma, Grandpa and Billy and all the animals he passes try to catch him, but he runs too fast for them. Unfortunately, he doesn’t know how to swim!
The Star and the Colours
Paola Traverso

A very curious star wants to know what the sun is like. When the moon calls the stars to go to bed, she hides under a cloud and waits. Little by little the sun comes out and a world of colourful things appears. The star loves what she sees and every time she discovers a new colour she sings a magic song because she wants to become coloured. Nothing seems to change, but in the end the star gets a great surprise.

The Sun and the Wind
Aesop
Retold by Paola Traverso

Two children are playing with their sheep and the dog. Behind the clouds the wind and the sun are having an argument. The wind says he's strong, but the sun says he's stronger. Then they see the children with their coats on and challenge each other to a competition to decide who is stronger...

A Trip to the Safari Park
Gigliola Pagano

A class of young South African schoolchildren go on a trip to a safari park. They have been looking forward to it and they can hardly contain their enthusiasm, so their teacher has to be very patient! They have a lot of laughs and a lot of fun, but they also manage to learn something!

The Ugly Duckling
Retold by Ruth Hobart

This little duckling is different from the other ducklings. Everyone laughs at him, animals and humans alike, and only his mum loves him. But when spring comes, he sees his reflection in the water, and… what a change has taken place!
Little Red Riding Hood
Retold by Ruth Hobart

Henny Penny
Retold by Emily Flynn

Henny Penny is going to the village when a big acorn falls on her head from an oak tree. She thinks that the sky is falling and she runs to tell the king. Along the road she meets Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky and other animal friends. They all join her, while the fox is waiting for them in the wood. He's hungry and he wants to eat the animals. But, at the last moment, something unexpected happens… This version of the traditional tale ends in a different and quite surprising way.

A modern-looking girl on the way to her grandmother meets an old-fashioned wolf in the woods. But there's a happy ending. The girl, her grandmother and a wood-cutter all have tea together, while the wolf runs away, scared but still alive!
The Mad Teacher
- Cristina Ivaldi

Teachers are often rather strange people, particularly English teachers! They repeat the same words and ask children to say and do absurd things. This teacher, however, is not just a bit strange, he is really mad... raving mad! By the end of the story children will realise that a mad teacher can be better than a sane and boring one!

The Magic Pot
- Emily Flynn

Maggie is very poor and has little to eat, but fortunately she meets an old woman that gives her a magic pot. All Maggie needs to do is to say special words and the pot cooks a delicious soup. When Maggie and her mum are hungry, they can have soup, a lot of soup! One day, while Maggie is out, something goes wrong. The magic pot cooks and cooks and it doesn't stop. The soup goes all over the kitchen, the house, the garden! Will Maggie arrive in time and stop the pot?

Miss Grace Green and the Clown Brothers
- Paola Traverso

The four little clown fish just love swimming and playing, although they are afraid of three particularly big, bad fish! But help is at hand in the shape of Miss Grace Green. This delightful story also shows us how life is so much better when we live together.

Mowgli learns to swim
- Ruth Hobart

When Mowgli meets the tiger Shere Khan and isn't able to cross the river to escape, he realises that he must learn to swim. With a little help from his friends Baloo, Bagheera, Hathi and the others, Mowgli discovers that swimming isn't so difficult after all!
Every early morning the little birds in the wood fly everywhere to wake their animal friends up. One day a big brown owl comes. He wants to join the little birds but they do not want him, because they say he is too big and ugly and he can't sing. The poor owl hides inside an old black tree. But the night comes again and... fairies arrive. It's time for the owl to sing his song. He sings beautifully! The fairies start dancing and the night becomes magic!

A witch takes Rapunzel away from her parents when she is a small child. When Rapunzel grows into a beautiful young woman the witch locks her in a tower in the forest! However, the story ends happily with Rapunzel reunited with her parents and then marrying a prince!

Chris is a scarecrow who lives in a cornfield. It's summer, he's hot and thirsty and nobody can help him. The bees, the ants and the lizards are very busy. Finally autumn comes and then winter. The scarecrow is cold and feels alone. He sleeps for a long time and when he wakes up there is a yellow flower near him. It's a sunflower and can do magic things.
**Bugaboo the Wicked Witch**

*Retold by Cristina Ivaldi*

This is a story about a wicked witch who is so silly that she is actually harmless! However, she becomes extremely dangerous when a blow to her head turns her into a good witch... There is nothing worse than a very silly person who wants to do good, particularly if she has magic powers!

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**Cinderella**

*Retold by Ruth Hobart*

Poor Cinderella! She has to do all the housework, and her sisters won’t take her to the ball! But thanks to a fairy godmother – and her pets! – she does go to the ball. There, the Prince falls in love with her, but will he find her again?

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**The Jungle Book**

*Rudyard Kipling*

Retold by Gaia Ferace

This delightfully illustrated story, loosely based on Kipling’s *The Jungle Book*, will introduce children to Mowgli as a baby and watch him grow up in the jungle with the wolf family. His teachers, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther, will teach Mowgli a number of important things about surviving in the jungle.
The Little Mermaid
Retold by Judith Percival

The little mermaid lives in a magical, beautiful world at the bottom of the sea, but she wants to see what the world above is like. When she goes up she falls in love with a human. What will the little mermaid have to do to be able to have a life in the world above with the man she loves?

Maggie and Max Visit the Haunted Castle
Retold by Gabriella Coates

It's a lovely summer day. Max and Maggie decide to go and visit the castle on the hill near the town. Everybody says it's a haunted castle but Maggie doesn't believe it. Max thinks that castles are perfect homes for ghosts and he is not sure that he wants to go. When they are in the castle lots of strange things happen! First it's only Max who sees funny faces and people moving in the pictures on the walls but then Maggie starts feeling a bit worried, too.

Monster in the Box
Retold by Cristina Ivaldi

Bullies at school pick on Bobo, who is a bit small for his age. Not to worry, for Bobo is a resourceful young lad with a few surprises of his own, and he soon teaches the bullies a lesson!
The Musicians of Bremen
Retold by Paola Traverso

A donkey decides to leave his master and go to Bremen, the town of music. Along the way other animals join in: a dog, a cat and a cock. They all want to go to Bremen and become musicians. It’s night, the road is long and they are hungry...

Peter and the Wolf
Retold by Ruth Hobart

Peter’s grandfather warns him about going into the forest: it’s still winter, so the wolves are hungry! But of course, Peter doesn’t listen... This version of the much-loved Russian tale ends in a way that will surprise and delight all readers!
In three stories three characters teach us lessons: the tortoise ‘slowly but surely’ wins the race; the mouse becomes a ‘great little friend’ to the mighty lion; the country mouse prefers the quiet life back home to the luxury – and dangers – of the town.

Christmas Fun captures that typically ‘English’ Christmas atmosphere. Father Christmas introduces the children to Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer and his team. He organises an exciting football match between the Reindeer Rangers and the Polar Bears United football clubs. This highly-entertaining book, filled with songs, games and a wide variety of learning and manual activities, will create a wonderful Christmas feeling in and outside the classroom.

This is the ‘ordinary’ life of Count Dracula, his wife Felicia, their three children, Adam, Eve and Brian, and their butler, Roman Blenski.

Some festivals are popular all over the world. Festivals! tells children how Christmas, Easter, Halloween and other festivities are celebrated in many countries of the world. The young readers are encouraged to use manual skills to colour in, cut out, glue on and create fun decorations and greetings cards.
Frankenstein at School

Gaia Ierace

A team of scientists headed by none other than Doctor Frankenstein creates a tender-hearted monster, who a group of nosy children find in the school lab.

Freddy Finds the Thief

Victoria Heward

When the Queen's golden harp disappears nobody knows where to look or what to do. The King offers 500 gold pieces to the person who can find it. Clever Freddy is the only one who has the answer and can find the thief.

Halloween Holiday

Ruth Hobart

It's Halloween and the Beast family receive a very special invitation from Dracula. Follow them on their adventures as they fly across Europe to Dracula's castle in Transylvania. Find out what happens when they get lost in the forest and all the fun they have at Dracula's amazing Halloween party!

The Magic Computer Mouse

Nella Burnett-Stuart and Liz Taylor

Martin, who is very good at English, goes to see his penfriend in London. He doesn't fly there, or take a coach or catch a train… he arrives there magically by computer.
The Nightingale

Hans Christian Andersen
Retold by Paola Traverso

The Emperor of China invites the nightingale of the forest to stay at court. She sings beautifully and everyone loves her. Things change when a colourful artificial bird arrives in the palace. The nightingale is not longer the favourite and flies away. All of a sudden the Emperor is not well and realizes that what he needs is that beautiful, real singing. Will the nightingale ever be back?

Puss in Boots

Retold by Judith Percival

Daniel is a poor young man who is in love with the beautiful Princess Caroline. To make matters worse, he lives in a village which is terrorised by an Ogre. But Daniel's cat comes to the rescue, and finds a way of both getting rid of the Ogre and bringing Daniel and the Princess together…

Sleeping Beauty

Retold by Catherine E. White

The King and Queen are proud of their baby daughter, Princess Aurora, and they invite everyone to a party, including the Flower Fairies. But one of the Fairies puts a curse on Aurora, and despite the King’s precautions, on her sixteenth birthday she meets an old lady in a tower in the castle…

Space Monsters

Cristina Ivaldi

Not all aliens are bad. However, being friends with a kind alien may have its negative side too! Especially if it might all be a dream.
### Aladdin
Retold by Ruth Hobart

A magician tricks Aladdin, but when Aladdin rubs an old lamp a genie comes out, and life is never the same again, for him or his mum! Despite the magician’s plots, Aladdin manages to keep the magic lamp... and the beautiful princess!

### Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
Retold by Catherine E. White

Ali Baba’s life changes on the day he sees forty thieves hiding their treasure in a secret cave and hears the thieves’ leader say the words ‘Open Sesame’ to get into the cave. But before Ali and his family can enjoy the riches, Ali finds there are many dangers they have to face...

### The Canterville Ghost
Adapted by Gaia Ierace

When the American Otis family move to their new house in England, interesting things begin to happen – especially when they meet Mr Ghost!
Nasreddin does and says some strange things. Why does he look for his key in the garden when he lost it in the house? Why does he weigh his cat? Why does he invite a beggar onto his roof? But perhaps Nasreddin is cleverer than we first think! Read this collection of ten amusing stories and decide!

Snow White's life is in danger when her father marries again and his new wife, Queen Bella, becomes terribly jealous of Snow White's beauty. But Queen Bella's plans fail, and Snow White finds safety at the cottage of the seven dwarfs before becoming reunited with her father.

How can a health-freak bogey boy and a junk-freak human boy put up with living in their demanding families? By the way, which one of them is the monster?

A lively mystery story involving a magician called Zed, some daring schoolchildren and a crime to be solved. Readers follow the adventure, read the clues and find out how the friends uncover the mystery.
Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
- Lewis Carroll
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE

Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole and finds herself in the magical world of Wonderland, where anything can happen.

Dossiers:
- A Drink Called Tea; A Real Queen

Anne of Green Gables
- Lucy M. Montgomery
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

GREEN APPLE

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert want a boy from the orphanage to help them on their farm, but the orphanage sends them Anne, a funny little girl with long red hair who gets up to all kinds of adventures. What can Matthew and Marilla do? Find out how Anne makes their lives happier, and wins their hearts…

Dossiers:
- Canada and its Wildlife; Nova Scotia

Bathsheba the Witch
- Jane Elizabeth Cammack

GREEN APPLE

Bathsheba, a beautiful Weather Witch, lives with her cat, Cobweb, on top of a high mountain near the village of Sunnyville. The people in the village don’t know about Bathsheba. Her life is peaceful until one day she goes down to the village and meets some of the people there, including a very special soldier…

Dossiers:
- Witches; The Weather in Great Britain; Potions

Beauty and the Beast
- Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

GREEN APPLE

A rich man suddenly becomes poor and he goes to live in the country with his children. One day he goes to the city on business. His daughter, Beauty, only wants a rose. On his way back the man takes a rose from the garden of a castle. But the owner of the castle, a beast, becomes angry and demands something in exchange…

Dossiers:
- Castles, Flowers; 'Beauty and the Beast' in Films and at the Theatre
**Black Beauty**
- *Anna Sewell*
  - Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Black Beauty, a handsome and intelligent horse, lives in Victorian England on a peaceful farm with a wonderful master. But his life changes when he is sold to different masters. Published in 1877, Black Beauty is an unforgettable classic for readers of all ages.

**Dossiers:**
- Horses; The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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**Five Children and It**
- *E. Nesbit*
  - Adapted by Cheryl Thompson

Five children go on holiday and discover a sand fairy near their home! The sand fairy is an unusual creature that grants wishes, and this is just the beginning of an incredible adventure for them. The children go from one exciting adventure to another until things become complicated…

**Dossiers:**
- Making Wishes

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**The Ghost Ship of Bodega Bay**
- *Gina D. B. Clemen*

When Kate and Mike Sullivan invite their friend Carlos to sail to the Farallon Islands on their father’s new boat, The Pelican, they expect to see the fascinating birds and animals which live there. But this exciting boat trip on the Pacific Ocean turns into a night of horror when ghastly ghosts from the past appear…

**Dossiers:**
- Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

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**Halloween Horror**
- *Gina D. B. Clemen*

It’s fun to get ready for Halloween and it’s even more fun to have a spooky Halloween party! But what happens to a group of young teenagers when their Halloween party becomes a living nightmare? Find out what horror is all about in this spine-tingling story!

**Dossiers:**
- The Origins of Halloween; Salem
- Halloween Cookies; Make a Bat
The Happy Prince and The Selfish Giant

- Oscar Wilde
  Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

Why is the Happy Prince sad? How can a little swallow help him? Find out how kindness and true friendship can change the lives of people in the Prince's city.

Why is it always Winter in the Giant's garden? Why can't the children play there? Find out what happens when the selfish Giant becomes generous and invites the children to his garden.

Dossiers:
Birds; Gardens; Flowers and others

The Jungle Book

- Rudyard Kipling
  Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

Mowgli, a baby boy, is raised by a family of loving wolves in India. Bagheera, the panther, and Baloo, the bear, teach him the laws of the jungle.

The adventure begins!

Dossiers:
Let's Meet Some of the Animals in the Story; India
**Just So Stories**
- Rudyard Kipling
  Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

**The Lighthouse Ghost**
- Gina D. B. Clemen

**The Nutcracker**
- E. T. A. Hoffman
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

**Peter Pan**
- J. M. Barrie
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

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**GREEN APPLE**

**Just So Stories**
Rudyard Kipling surprises us again with these five tales from the animal kingdom. Have you ever wondered why elephants have such long noses and why leopards have spots? Do you know why kangaroos hop around Australia? Find out how a clever young sailor tricked a whale and meet many other characters.

**Dossiers:**
- Animals in Australia; Whales

**The Lighthouse Ghost**
Megan and Alex live in beautiful Caravel Cove, but one day something terrible happens: hundreds of dead fish are on the beach! No one knows why. Strange things are happening at the old lighthouse. Is Black Barney’s ghost back? What does old Mr Johnson really know? Megan, Alex and their friend Steve start to investigate and the truth is shocking!

**Dossiers:**
- Maine; Lighthouses in Maine; Keep our oceans clean!

**The Nutcracker**
One Christmas Eve in 19th-century Nuremberg Uncle Drosselmeyer arrives with presents for everyone and Clara gets a nutcracker. That night Clara discovers that her nutcracker is much more than a toy. Together they go to the magic Land of Sweets! But on Christmas morning there is another surprise for her...

**Dossiers:**
- The ballet of ‘The Nutcracker’

**Peter Pan**
Join Wendy, John and Michael as they fly off to Neverland with Peter Pan, where incredible adventures await them. Meet the Lost Boys in their secret underground home and swim with the lovely mermaids in Mermaids’ Lagoon. But watch out for cruel Captain Hook and his pirates...

**Dossiers:**
- London; Fairies and their Magic; The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children; The Darling Home
Pinocchio

Carlo Collodi
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

The world’s most famous puppet comes to life in this beautifully illustrated book. Meet Pinocchio and join him as he gets into and out of all kinds of trouble. Laugh at his incredible adventures, admire his courage and find out how he finally becomes a real boy...

Dossiers:
Tuscany; Great Amusement Parks

Sandokan

Emilio Salgari
Adapted by Sally M. Stockton

Sandokan and his pirates rule the Malaysian Sea in the 1840s, and the British want to capture him. One day he meets Marianna, Lord James’s young niece, and they are immediately attracted to each other. Their love is impossible, but Sandokan and his friend Yanez make a daring plan to take Marianna away from her uncle.

Dossiers:
Pirates; Kuala Lumpur; East Malaysia

The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson Burnett
Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

Life with her uncle is uneventful for bad-tempered Mary Lennox until one day she finds a secret garden. Then Mary meets her cousin Colin, an invalid, who is confined to bed. With Mary and Dickon’s help Colin goes out into the secret garden and discovers the meaning of true friendship and happiness.

Dossiers:
English Gardens
**The Secret of the Stones**
- **Victoria Heward**

Twins Max and Laura spend an exciting summer in a small village near Stonehenge. A mysterious symbol, their uncle’s old book of codes and secrets, strange people looking for a secret and much more. The two young and brave ‘detectives’ will be involved in many exciting adventures.

**Dossiers:**
*Welcome to Stonehenge; Symbols*

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**The Tempest**
- **William Shakespeare**
  Adapted by Victoria Heward

Prospero, Duke of Milan, lives on a lonely island with his daughter Miranda, Caliban (a monster) and Ariel (a magic spirit). He learns to do magic and he wants to punish his bad brother, Antonio. He creates a magic storm – a tempest. All the people on Antonio’s ship land on Prospero’s island and many strange things happen to them.

**Dossiers:**
*Famous Shipwrecks; Magic and Magicians*

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**The Wind in the Willows**
- **Kenneth Grahame**
  Adapted by Rebecca Raynes

This classic story, set in the English countryside, features the lovable characters Rat, Mole, Toad and Badger. When Mole decides to leave his underground home and meets Rat, he discovers a completely new world on the river bank and the Wild Wood. And Toad’s passion for fast cars leads them on a series of adventures…

**Dossiers:**
*Animals in Winter*
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

L. Frank Baum
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

An exciting adventure starts when a cyclone blows Dorothy and Toto up into the sky and to the magic Land of Oz. Here they meet the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Lion, and together they share incredible adventures, learn the value of true friendship and understand the importance of keeping promises. A story that you will never forget!

Dossiers:
- Cyclones; Kansas
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- Bravery; kindness; hope; honesty; friendship

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Dossiers:
- Spanish California; California today

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- Mark Twain
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Tom Sawyer lives on the great Mississippi River. Join him and his friend Huck Finn when they start looking for exciting and dangerous adventures in graveyards, on islands, in haunted houses and in mysterious caves… Tom will always surprise you and make you laugh!

**Dossiers:**
- The One-room School; Missouri
- Native American Indians

**LIFE SKILLS**
- honesty
- intelligence
- responsibility
- resilience
- freedom

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Akron House Mystery

- Gina D. B. Clemen

Carol and Steve Taylor move into an old, mysterious house which hides many secrets. Carol hears footsteps at night, Steve finds an old love letter from the American Civil War and the people in town hear a woman crying in the night. Who is trying to give them a message and why? Carol, Steve and their friend Halim solve an incredibly difficult and touching mystery.

**Dossiers:**
- The American Civil War; The Lewis and Clark Expedition; Thanksgiving

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Alarm at Marine World!

- Gina D. B. Clemen

Megan and Alex live in sunny Florida and have an exciting summer job at the Marine World Aquarium. Their friend Steve joins them. When three dolphins mysteriously disappear from the aquarium and no one knows why, the three friends decide to investigate… but it’s almost too late because time is running out!

**Dossiers:**
- Florida; Dolphins and other cetaceans; Amazing American Aquariums
Karen and Justin want to celebrate Thanksgiving with their family, but their plans change when an earthquake hits Alaska. Their dad, who's a petroleum engineer, must fly to Alaska to prevent a disaster on the pipeline. Karen and Justin join him in Alaska. When their dad is stranded at the Arctic Circle during a blizzard, who can possibly rescue him?

**Dossiers:**
*Alaska; Energy and Environment; The Greatest Race on Earth*

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**Alien Alert in Seattle**

There has been a UFO sighting in the Cascade mountains near Seattle, Washington, and everyone is excited. But no one believes there could possibly be an alien in town, until Karen, Barbara and Walter notice that one of the teachers at their high school is behaving very strangely.

**Dossiers:**
*Seattle; The solar system, UFOs; American teenagers and High School*

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**The Black Arrow**

Set in 15th-century England, this is the exciting story of Richard Shelton and the band of the Black Arrow. Sir Daniel is like a father to Richard, but one day Richard discovers a terrible truth from the past. Now he must fight against Sir Daniel and his men. Can Richard and the band of the Black Arrow bring justice to England?

**Dossiers:**
*The Wars of the Roses and others*
**The Bottle Imp**
- Robert Louis Stevenson
- Adapted by Patrizia Caruzzo

Keawe, a young Hawaiian sailor, is offered the opportunity to buy a bottle containing an imp which will grant all his wishes. However, the bottle must, from then on, be resold for a price lower than what he paid for it, or he will be condemned to live out the rest of his days in excruciating torment.

**Dossiers:**
- Captain Cook; Hawaii

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**British and American Festivities**
- Gina D. B. Clemen

Why do we celebrate Halloween? What do people do to celebrate the New Year? Why is the egg a symbol of Easter? Who invented the Christmas card?

This unique book explores the origins of our festivities, their historical significance, and how we celebrate them today.

**Dossiers:**
- Virginia meets Sir Simon…

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**The Canterville Ghost**
- Oscar Wilde
- Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

A rich American family decides to buy a haunted house in England. They certainly don't believe in ghosts until they meet Sir Simon – the 300-year old ghost with a frightening reputation, who takes his job very seriously. All kinds of bizarre things happen at Canterville Chase, until young Virginia meets Sir Simon…

**Dossiers:**
- Oscar Wilde in America; The Times of Oscar Wilde; Famous Ghosts

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**A Christmas Carol**
- Charles Dickens
- Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Ebenezer Scrooge doesn’t like Christmas, and he doesn’t like people. He’s a cold, hard man. He only loves money! But on Christmas Eve something happens: some ghosts visit him! They show him his life and a possible future. Will he learn anything from the ghosts?

**Dossiers:**
- London in Dickens’s Time; Great Victorian Writers; Christmas Around the World

**LIFE SKILLS**
- hope; generosity; kindness; care; love
Some children at The Fairbrother Academy don’t want to learn. They like to push their classmates in the playground and call them bad names. Alice is unhappy when she starts secondary school, but when Miss Sunshine hears about the problems, she drives to the academy, determined to help.

**Dossiers:**
- Schools in England;
- Mindfulness

**LIFE SKILLS** friendship; love; kindness; happiness; confidence

Karen, Sally and Alex are three teenagers who take a camping trip at Yellowstone National Park. Two of the park’s wolves are missing and the three teens decide to look for them. Their trip becomes an exciting, yet dangerous adventure when they meet a hungry grizzly bear, an angry mountain lion and a herd of bison...

**Dossiers:**
- Yellowstone National Park,
- Wolves; Wyoming: the Cowboy State; The animals at Yellowstone

Who was a spy for Queen Elizabeth I’s secret service? Which writer kept a bear in his room at Cambridge? Who wrote poems about the Easter Revolution in Ireland? Follow the fascinating lives of some of the most important British novelists, poets and playwrights from Shakespeare to Graham Greene, and discover more about different periods of literature in British history.

**Dossiers:**
- Writers and Places; Writers and Films

Pip, a poor young boy, receives amazing news. Someone has given him a vast amount of money and wants to make him a gentleman. Who is his mysterious benefactor? Is it Miss Havisham, the strange lady who lives in an old house with the beautiful Estella? Life is full of surprises...

**Dossiers:**
- Ladies and Gentlemen;
- Transportation to Australia
Home for Christmas

Andrea M. Hutchinson

Three young women need to get to London from Ireland in time for Christmas. When all flights are cancelled, they are forced to share a car and make the journey by road. They have to decide together what to do when they find a briefcase full of money. Then they realise that a car is following them…

Dossiers:
The Emerald Isle; Indians in Britain

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I Want To Be You

Andrea M. Hutchinson

Holly and Rosie are cousins but they are very different. When the school basketball team fails to win the championship because Holly misses a penalty, Holly discovers just how cruel her cousin can be. Holly always thought that Rosie had everything: lots of friends and lots of money to buy lots of designer clothes. But then she meets an old lady at a fair and soon finds out that things aren’t always what they seem…

Dossiers:
Travelling Funfairs

GREEN APPLE

Jason and the Argonauts

Retold by Jennifer Gascoigne

When he was very young, Jason’s uncle took the kingdom of Iolkos from his father, but now Jason wants it back. First he must find and bring back the Golden Fleece. It is a dangerous mission: the Argonauts must battle against giants, huge birds and sea monsters.

Dossiers:
Greek Pottery; Greek Mythology

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Outstanding People of the English Speaking World

Jane Cammack


Dossiers:
Pen Names; The Film Industry

LIFE SKILLS
resilience; bravery; perseverance; passion; generosity

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Dossiers:  
The Isle of Skye; Clans, Kilts and Tartan; Scottish Music

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Enjoy four popular legends from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales that tell us about a girl who makes friends with a unicorn, a wizard who casts terrible spells, a king who hides a strange secret and a prince’s loyal dog… all unforgettable!

Dossiers:  
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Dossiers:  
Children in Victorian Times; From New York City to London!

LIFE SKILLS  
kindness; friendship; strength; care; empathy

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Little Women

Louisa May Alcott
Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

The March sisters – Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy – are growing up in 19th-century America, and they have hopes, dreams and exciting plans for their future. This is a story about how friendship, kindness and love can make dreams come true and bring happiness to everyone.

Dossiers:
The American Civil War
and others

LIFE SKILLS
love; honesty; sharing; responsibility; kindness

London

Gina D. B. Clemen

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Dossiers:
London and its Writers; London; Great Parks and Museums

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Gina D. B. Clemen

Kate, Mike and Carlos go on another trip to Bodega Bay near San Francisco, where more than a year ago they found a pirate’s old treasure map. An incredibly exciting and dangerous adventure awaits them as they follow a mysterious clue and go on a treasure hunt to find a lost treasure from centuries ago.

Dossiers:
Sharks; Pirates
A Message from a Ghost

Andrea M. Hutchinson

Bella and her friends, Elise and Gracie, are going on a school trip. But then they get lost. They set out to find their school friends and the youth hostel where they should be staying but before they can find them, strange and spooky things start to happen.

Dossiers:
School trips; Ghosts in films

Miami Police File: the O’Neill Case

Gina D. B. Clemen

Peter O’Neill, Montego High School’s favourite teacher, goes missing in the Bermuda Triangle, and the police can’t solve the case. His students decide to investigate, with the help of O’Neill’s dog, Rover. But the truth behind O’Neill’s disappearance is very macabre…

Dossiers:
Halloween; American High School Sports; The Bermuda Triangle

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

William Shakespeare
Adapted by Janet Cameron

Hermia and Lysander are in love, but Hermia’s father wants Demetrius to marry his daughter, so Hermia and Lysander decide to run away to get married. But in the wood some fairies perform some magic and some strange things start to happen...

Dossiers:
Fairies; Acting and Theatres in Shakespeare’s Time

Missing in Sydney

Andrea M. Hutchinson

Three best friends are travelling around Australia in search of adventure before they start university back home in the UK. But after celebrating Christmas Day one of them goes missing. Lisa is just an ordinary 18-year-old, so why would anyone want to kidnap her? Amy and Claire are determined to find her, but they do not know that Lisa and her kidnapper share a connection…

Dossiers:
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Dossiers:
A Guide to San Francisco; Natural Resources and Pollution

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Victoria Heward

Atlantis was once an advanced civilisation where everybody lived in peace. But when the rains come everybody knows it will be destroyed. Ryan, a slave, and Daria, a princess, tell the story of its last days, how they built a new Atlantis and how two enemies eventually became friends.

Dossiers:
Atlantis; The Pyramids; Cinema
The Prince and the Pauper

Mark Twain
Adapted by Kelly Reinhart

What happens when two boys discover that they look exactly alike? They decide to play an exciting but possibly dangerous game. Suddenly things start going very wrong for one of them… Mark Twain’s wonderful story takes you to 16th-century London and into Westminster Palace, where incredible things start happening…

Dossiers:
King Henry VIII

LIFE SKILLS
bravery; ambition; friendship; honesty; fairness

The Railway Children

E. Nesbit
Adapted by Elizabeth Ann Moore

After their father is mysteriously forced to leave home, the three children and their mother go to live in a cottage in the country near a railway track. The children make friends with the station master, the porter and a friendly old gentleman. Peter, Bobbie and Phyllis enjoy several exciting adventures and even become the heroes of the village. But the mystery of their father remains unsolved, until one day…

Dossiers:
Early Railways

Project Vampire

Victoria Heward
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Max and Laura are involved in another mysterious case. This time a phantom thief seems to be able to get in and out of important museums in London stealing valuable paintings. Max and Laura decide to explore the area around one of the museums. Something very spooky is going to happen…

Dossiers:
London museums; Travelling around London; Top five things to do in London

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Recipe for Success
- Andrea M. Hutchinson

Seren wants to go on a school trip to Paris more than anything. But when her Dad won’t even let her walk home from school by herself, how is she going to convince him? Determined not to give up on her dream, Seren comes up with a plan. But will it be good enough to convince him? Determined not to give up on her dream, Seren quickly learns that even the best plans can go wrong, and even the biggest dreams can end up broken.

Dossiers:
- A food journey across the United Kingdom; Claude Monet; Wales

Robinson Crusoe
- Daniel Defoe
  Adapted by Janet Cameron

Young Robinson Crusoe wants to see the world, but a storm brings him to an island where he is alone and danger is everywhere. Years pass before he meets a friend who will help him to find his home again. Written in 1719, Robinson Crusoe is one of the most famous and best-loved adventure stories ever told.

Dossiers:
- Robinson Crusoe through the years; Robinson Crusoe Island; Cinema

Sherlock Holmes and the Red Circle
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

A mysterious lodger has just rented rooms at Mrs Warren’s lodging house. She is frightened by this strange individual, so she asks Sherlock Holmes to help. He and Dr Watson discover cryptic messages, a sinister secret society and a terrible murder…

Dossiers:
- Victorian Writers; Police and Detectives of the 19th Century

Sherlock Holmes Stories
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

The world’s most famous detective solves the case of the horrible murder of a young woman in The Speckled Band. Smile with him and Watson as they listen to the puzzling story of one of their odd clients, who is not so odd after all, in The Red-Headed League.

Dossiers:
- London at the Time of Sherlock Holmes
Stories for the Curious

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In this collection of ghost stories you can find the answers to these and other questions. But will the answers terrify or surprise you?

Dossiers:
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Dossiers:
The Celts; King Arthur
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Retold by Kelly Reinhart

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**Dossiers:**
The Origins of Virginia; Indian Life; Virginia Today

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**The Truth about Professor Smith**
Retold by Andrea M. Hutchinson

Professor Smith has always been every student’s favourite teacher. But when Sam and Izzie return to school after the summer holidays, their fun, energetic science teacher is gone. What dark secret could their science teacher be hiding? And can Sam and Izzie uncover the truth before their own lives will be put in danger?

**Dossiers:**
Detectives in Fiction; Forensic Science

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**Wonder**
Retold by Jane Elizabeth Cammack

Although August Pullman was born with a facial deformity, he’s a normal ten-year-old boy. He plays video games and loves Star Wars. He has a loving family and studies at home, until his parents decide it’s time to go to real school.

**Dossiers:**
Schools plays; Summer camps

**LIFE SKILLS**
resilience; empathy; kindness; loyalty; care
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Mark Twain
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

When Huckleberry Finn meets Jim, a runaway slave, they decide to travel North on the mighty Mississippi River. They have all sorts of incredible adventures, meet all kinds of people and get into a lot of trouble, until one day... Mark Twain's masterpiece is one of the greatest novels in American literature.

Dossiers:
America's Great River: The Mississippi; The Slave Trade; The American Civil War

The Call of the Wild

Jack London
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Buck, a big happy dog, is kidnapped from his comfortable home in California and is sold as a sled dog in the cold Yukon Territory during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896. His new life in the Northland is difficult, challenging, adventurous... and full of surprises!

Dossiers:
The Klondike Gold Rush; Wolves
David Copperfield

Charles Dickens
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

David's childhood is a happy one, but after his mother's marriage to cruel Mr Murdstone, his life changes for the worse. David is sent to London to work in a factory. Is this going to be his life? He desperately wants to change his future, and decides to run away...

Dossiers:
Dover; Australia

LIFE SKILLS: generosity; strength; responsibility; honesty; empathy

Great English Monarchs and their Times

Gina D. B. Clemen

Do you know that Henry VIII was happily married for almost 20 years to the same queen before meeting his other wives? Do you know Queen Elizabeth refused to marry in spite of all the men who loved her? And do you know what particular events during Queen Victoria's long reign contributed to making the British Empire the biggest ever? English monarchs have fascinated the world for centuries.

Dossiers:
Reading a Painting and others

The Halloween Secret

Gina D. B. Clemen

Is Halloween a magic night? Do witches still haunt Salem, Massachusetts? What secrets does an old cemetery hold? Discover what happens to Janet and Dave when an ancestor from long ago appears and gives them a mysterious riddle to solve...

Dossiers:
Halloween's Origins; The Salem Witch Trials; Massachusetts

LIFE SKILLS: friendship; fairness; cleverness; responsibility; care
King Arthur and his Knights
Retold by George Gibson

Learn about how Arthur became King and where he found his great sword Excalibur, about his love for Guinevere, and all about the courageous Knights of the Round Table.

Dossiers:
Knights; Castles; The Round Table; Old Castles of Great Interest and others

Lost at Dead Man’s Camp
Gina D. B. Clemen

Megan, Alex and Steve are really excited because they’re going to the wonderful California Gold Country. They can hardly wait to see a live rodeo and explore Yosemite National Park. But suddenly their vacation becomes a dangerous and unexpected race against time, where every minute counts… will they make it?

Dossiers:
California; The California Gold Rush; Sustainability: what is it?; Earthquakes

Macbeth
William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward

‘Hail, Macbeth, who will be king one day.’
On a cold Scottish heath, three witches make a prophecy. Inspired by their words and encouraged by his evil wife, Macbeth begins his trail of destruction to gain and keep the Scottish throne.

Dossiers:
Scotland; Some Scottish History; Shakespeare

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Million Dollar Theft in San Francisco
- Gina D. B. Clemen

Two years have passed since Susan, Brian and Jim solved a baffling mystery in San Francisco. This time they have to solve a million dollar mystery: Mark Twain’s secret diary has just been discovered and publishers want to get their hands on it… but it suddenly disappears without a clue!

**Dossiers:**
- Mark Twain in the Gold Country;
- San Francisco and the Gold Rush;
- Alcatraz Island

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Oliver Twist
- Charles Dickens
Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

Set in the dark streets of 19th-century London, this unforgettable classic tells the story of Oliver Twist, a penniless orphan who lives through all kinds of hardship for many years. Find out how, in spite of adverse circumstances, he finds happiness in the end.

**Dossiers:**
- Child Labour; Crime in Victorian London; Oliver Twist in Films

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Oscar Wilde’s Short Stories
- Oscar Wilde
Adapted by Victoria Heward

Robin Hood, the legendary hero of Sherwood Forest, has captured the imagination of generations of readers. Why did Robin Hood become an outlaw? How did Marian find Robin in Sherwood Forest? How was the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham punished?

**Dossiers:**
- Medieval Times in England;
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Robin Hood
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- William Shakespeare
Adapted by Victoria Heward

Nobody can remember why the Capulet family and the Montague family hate each other, so, when Juliet Capulet and Romeo Montague meet and fall in love the result is tragic, and peace between the two families is possible only after the death of many people.

Dossiers:
The Renaissance Man; ‘Romeo and Juliet’ on Film; Saint Francis and the Franciscan Friars; Shakespeare’s Theatre

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- King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table
- Victoria Heward

Legends say that a boy called Arthur pulled a sword from a stone and became the new king of Britain. Come and discover his castle Camelot and his adventures with the Knights of the Round Table.

Dossiers:
King Arthur: truth or legend?; Heroes

LIFE SKILLS honesty; bravery; loyalty; strength; ambition

Treasure Island

- Robert Louis Stevenson
Adapted by Derek Sellen

Read about the thrilling adventures of young Jim Hawkins and his friends, who set sail for Treasure Island in search of treasure. But will the cruel Long John Silver get to the treasure first?

Dossiers:
A Pirate Ship; Famous Pirates

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**Act II: Murder!**
- Gina D. B. Clemen

**Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland**
- Lewis Carroll
  Adapted by Gina D. B. Clemen

**Animal Tales**
- R. Kipling, E. Parker Butler, Saki, M. Twain, J. K. Jerome
  Adapted by James Butler

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Helen and Mark are actors in a high school version of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth*. On opening night at the theater there’s a special guest in the audience, Sherlock Holmes, who witnesses a terrible murder on stage. What happens when Helen and Mark join Sherlock Holmes to solve a baffling case of murder in the exciting city of Chicago?

**Dossiers:**
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Join Alice as she follows the white rabbit into the amazing world of Wonderland, where anything can happen! Watch Alice change size, meet the Mad Hatter and his friend, the March Hare, talk to the smiling Cheshire cat, play a game of croquet with the Queen of Hearts, witness the strangest trial ever and enjoy never-ending adventures in the land of dreams!

**Dossiers:**
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- LIFE SKILLS: trust; hope; perseverance; ambition; friendship; sensibility

**The Boscombe Valley Mystery**

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**Dossiers:**  
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LIFE SKILLS
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**Dossiers:**
Amazonia: a Land of Wonders; Dinosaurs

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**Dossiers:**
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**Dossiers:**
Independence Day; American Indians

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- Adapted by Janet Cameron

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Dossiers:
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LIFE SKILLS
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**Dossiers:**
- *Oscar Wilde in America* and others

**LIFE SKILLS**
- love; peace; pride; courage; patriotism; happiness

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Dossiers:
The Meaning of Twelfth Night; Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Theatre

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Manhattan, the heart of New York City; Vlad Tepes, Prince of Wallachia; Vampires in literature and films

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  Adapted by James Butler

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Macbeth is a loyal and courageous servant of King Duncan. But, one day, after a battle he meets three witches, who tell him that one day he will be King of Scotland. Soon his obsession to become king and his wife’s cold-blooded ambition lead to murder.

**Dossiers:**
- Films of ‘Macbeth’; Scotland’s History; Witches; The Castles of Scotland

The Merchant of Venice

- William Shakespeare
  Adapted by Robert Hill

**READING & TRAINING**

Bassanio wants to impress Portia but he doesn’t have enough money to do so. He turns for help to Antonio, who is forced to borrow from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender. When Antonio’s business starts going badly, repayment becomes impossible and Shylock is allowed to demand a pound of the merchant’s flesh.

**Dossiers:**
- Venice – a Centre of Commerce; Venice – a City of Masks; Jews in Venice
A Midsummer Night's Dream

William Shakespeare
Adapted by James Butler

Two young lovers, Hermia and Lysander, meet in the wood with the intention of running away and getting married secretly. They are followed by Demetrius, who loves Hermia, and Helena, who is in love with Demetrius. What they don’t know is that the wood is enchanted...

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- *William Shakespeare*
- Adapted by James Butler

Claudio is in love with Hero, but is afraid that she will reject him. His friend, Don Pedro, volunteers to make her fall in love with him at a masked ball. The trick works and Hero agrees to marry Claudio. But Don Pedro’s brother, Don John, organises a plot to make Claudio think that Hero is unfaithful...

**Dossiers:**
- Tragic and Comic Elements in Much Ado About Nothing;
- Women in Shakespeare’s Comedies

**Playscript**
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**North and South**
- *Elizabeth Gaskell*
- Adapted by Jane Elizabeth Cammack

Margaret Hale finds the industrial north of England very different to the rural and gentle south, when she moves there with her parents. When she meets John Thornton, who is a self-made and ambitious young man, there is an attraction, but many differences.

**Dossiers:**
- A novel of contrast;
- A Condition-of-England novel;
- A famous kiss;
- An age of steam and smoke

**LIFE SKILLS**
- love; pride;
- self-awareness; ambition; justice

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**Northanger Abbey**
- *Jane Austen*
- Adapted by Nancy Timmins

Catherine is going on her first visit to the city of Bath. She is seventeen and comes from a small town in the countryside. When she makes friends with Henry and his sister Eleanor, she will find herself in the middle of a family tragedy. Henry’s home, Northanger Abbey, is the scene of a crime. Or is it all just a product of Catherine’s imagination?

**Dossiers:**
- King George III and Regency England;
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**Othello**
- *William Shakespeare*
- Adapted by Lucy Parker

Othello is a successful general, but a very simple man who trusts Iago completely. When he elopes with and marries Desdemona, he is overwhelmed by the happiness that seems to be his. Iago, embittered by his failure to win promotion in the army, decides to poison the general’s happiness...

**Dossiers:**
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- Henry Fielding
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- Christopher Marlowe
  - Adapted by James Butler

**The Turn of the Screw**
- Henry James
  - Adapted by Maud Jackson

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Three friends, George, Harris and J, need a change in their lives and they decide to go on a bicycle trip through the beautiful Black Forest in Germany, where they meet with all kinds of hilarious adventures as they get into and out of trouble…

**Dossiers:**
- The Golden Age of Bicycles; The Black Forest

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**Dossiers:**
- The Early 18th-century Novel; Tom Jones as Hero

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Hiding Places in Times of Trouble; Secret Societies

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Mary Shelley
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A fascination with science and the aspiration to understand the mysteries of creation lead Victor Frankenstein to create life from death. But the results are not what he expects and his rejection of his monstrous creation causes dire consequences for himself and all the people he cares about.

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Pip is destined to become a village blacksmith, but a chance meeting with an escaped prisoner and the acquaintance of an eccentric old woman and a beautiful young girl change the course of his life. He is suddenly dissatisfied with his social status and wants to become a gentleman. But one day he discovers a terrible secret.

**Dossiers:**
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*Joseph Conrad*
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Marlow, a merchant sailor, travels through colonial Africa. He makes a perilous journey by steamboat to rescue Kurtz, an ivory agent, who is seriously ill. He arrives at Kurtz’s station to find that the agent has taken control of the whole area.

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Conrad and the Colonial Experience and others
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Charlotte Brontë
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Plain orphaned Jane Eyre lives unwanted with her aunt until she is sent away to school. When Jane leaves school to work as a governess at Thornfield Manor owned by Mr Rochester, she finally finds some happiness. But some strange events are signals that the past of Mr Rochester is about to return.

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Dossiers:
The Regency Era; The Jane Austen Industry

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Adapted by Graeme and Silvia Thomson

‘Lock me in any cell in any prison anywhere at any time, wearing only normal clothes and I’ll escape in a week.’ For Professor Van Dusen, otherwise known as ‘The Thinking Machine’, nothing is impossible. Logic is his passion. One hour later he finds himself locked up in Chisholm prison and has to use all his mental resources to find the solution to the problem.

Dossiers:
Other Prison Stories; Futrelle’s Death on the ‘Titanic’

Robinson Crusoe

Daniel Defoe
Adapted by Maud Jackson

When the captain tells Robinson, ‘Young man, you should never go to sea again...’, Robinson ignores his advice, with terrible consequences. He is forced into slavery and escapes, but he is then shipwrecked on a desert island, where he manages to survive through resourcefulness and luck.

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Charles Dickens

Dr Manette is falsely imprisoned for 18 years by the Marquis of Evrémonde. He is eventually released and goes to England to join his daughter Lucie, who marries the Frenchman Charles Darnay of the Evrémonde family. During the Reign of Terror Darnay travels to Paris where he is imprisoned and sentenced to be executed...

Dossiers:
The French Revolution; The French Revolution in A Tale of Two Cities
**The Taming of the Shrew**  
*William Shakespeare*  
Adapted by James Butler and Lucia De Vanna

**Tess of the d’Urbervilles**  
*Thomas Hardy*  
Adapted by Maud Jackson

**Vanity Fair**  
*William Makepeace Thackeray*  
Adapted by James Butler

**Wuthering Heights**  
*Emily Brontë*  
Adapted by Maud Jackson

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Baptista’s two beautiful daughters are ready for marriage. Bianca, pursued by three different suitors, cannot marry until someone dares to marry her sister, the proud and contemptuous Katharine. Then Petruchio arrives in Padua and proposes to Katharine. Will he be able to turn her into a model of devotion and obedience?

**Dossiers:**  
*Shakespeare and English Comedy; Shakespeare and Italian Comedy*

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The Durbeyfield family are poor and simple people, but their ancestors were the mighty d’Urbervilles, an ancient and noble family. When the Durbeyfields meet with misfortune, they send their oldest daughter, Tess, to visit her wealthy cousin and ask for help, but the wealthy cousin has a young son, Alec Stoke-d’Urberville, who finds Tess very attractive…

**Dossiers:**  
*No Sex, Please, We’re Victorians; Stonehenge*

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Amelia Sedley and Becky Sharp are two friends. Amelia comes from a wealthy family but her father is made bankrupt. She marries George Osborne, a vain and shallow young man who does not really love her. Becky Sharp, on the other hand, comes from a penniless family, and is determined to use her beauty and charm to find a good position in life.

**Dossiers:**  
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Wuthering Heights is home to the Earnshaw family, who adopt an orphan called Heathcliff. When they grow up, Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff fall deeply in love. But Catherine decides to marry Edgar Linton from the big house across the moors. Heathcliff runs away in despair. When he returns some years later, a series of terrible events destroys the relationship between the Lintons and the Earnshaws.

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**Dossiers:**
The ‘Woman Question’ in Victorian Britain

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Silas, a weaver, is betrayed by his best friend and the woman he loves. He loses all faith in humanity and moves to the village of Raveloe. There he lives a solitary life, working and hoarding his gold coins, until one day his gold is stolen…

**Dossiers:**
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