

BFI British Option - ACL / Language & Literature - Première

Summer Reading List 2024

(For examination in Summer 2026)

Here is the list of books you need to buy for the two year ACL British Literature course. Please buy all the books now as the order in which we study them might change and **please respect the specified edition** listed in the table below (see the next page for more information).

| Title | Author | Edition |
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| <i>Home Fire</i> | Kamila Shamsie | Bloomsbury |
| <i>Top Girls</i> | Caryl Churchill | Methuen Drama (Student edition) |
| <i>Frankenstein</i> | Mary Shelley | Penguin Classics |
| <i>The Bloody Chamber and other stories.</i> | Angela Carter | Vintage |
| <i>Hamlet</i> | Shakespeare | New Cambridge |

Please read *Home Fire* over the summer and one of the summer background reading choices from the list below.

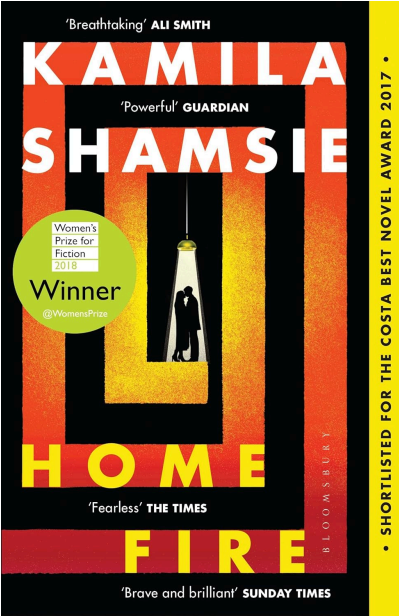
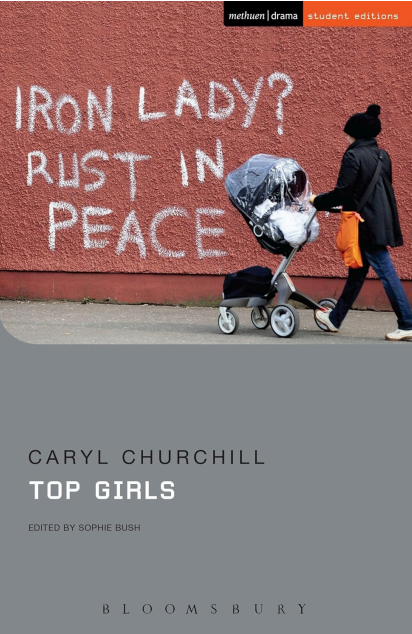
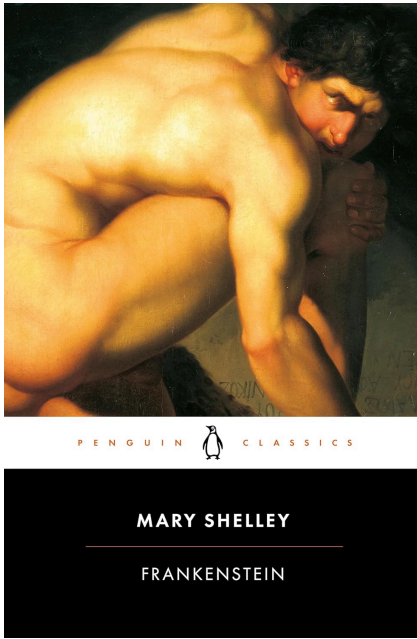

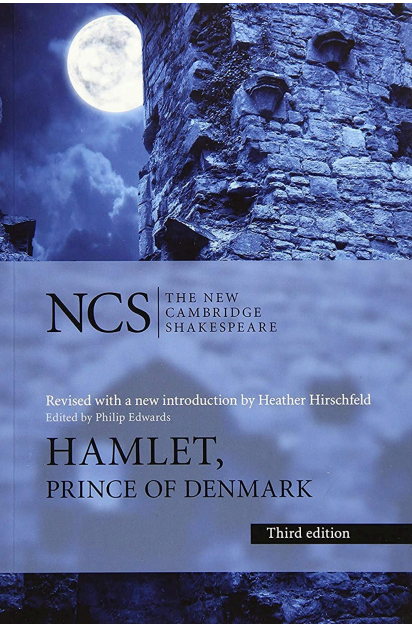
Background Reading:

Please also buy **one book from each list below**. Any edition of these can be purchased as they are background reading. Look them up on <https://www.goodreads.com/> for a short synopsis that will help you decide which one to choose.

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| <p>Summer Holiday Background Reading (choose one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini ● <i>The Reluctant Fundamentalist</i> by Mohsin Hamid ● <i>Alif the Unseen</i> by G. Willow Wilson ● <i>The Bookseller of Kabul</i> by Åsne Seierstad (Non Fiction) ● <i>The Islamist</i> by Ed Husain (Non Fiction) ● <i>I Am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai (Non Fiction) | <p>Toussaint Holiday Background Reading (choose one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dracula</i> by Bram Stoker ● <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> by Oscar Wilde ● <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson ● <i>The Woman in Black</i> - Susan Hill ● <i>Rebecca</i> by Daphne Du Maurier ● <i>The Little Stranger</i> by Sarah Waters |
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Please note that you will also be studying a selection of Gothic Poetry but photocopies of these will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!
The British Option ACL BFI Teachers.

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| <p>These are the covers of the required editions.</p> <p>There are different versions in the texts of <i>Top Girls</i>, <i>Frankenstein</i> and <i>Hamlet</i> so it is essential to have the correct edition for these three.</p> |  |  |
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