



FILM STUDIES A LEVEL AND MEDIA BTEC SUPER-CURRICULAR



AIMING FOR THE TOP AND ASPIRING HIGH

Reading Tasks

Non-Fiction

- **Power Without Responsibility** (7th Ed) - J Seaton & T Curran,
- **Invisible Women** by Caroline Craido Perez,
- Essential Essays, Volume 1: **Foundations of Cultural Studies** by Stuart Hall
- **There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack** by Paul Gilroy
- **A Theory of Narrative** by Rick Altman

Non-Fiction

- **Media, Gender and Identity** by David Gauntlett
- **Visual and Other Pleasures** by Laura Mulvey
- **Convergence Culture: Where Old and New Media collide** by Henry Jenkins
- **Mythologies** by Roland Barthes
- **The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11** by Lawrence Wright

Fiction

- **Nineteen Eighty Four** by George Orwell,
- **The Jungle Book** by Rudyard Kipling. .

Writing Tasks

Review

Write a review for a film/TV Show/theatre production/art exhibition.

You could challenge yourself by writing these in the style of The Guardian or The Daily Mail.

Journalistic Piece

Write a journalistic style, opinion piece, newspaper article in the style of a broadsheet and a tabloid about a current event/.

Centre is around a debate in contemporary culture, such as....

- *'Is Global Warming the biggest threat to society?'*
- *'Is Crypto Currency going to survive the current economic downturn?'*
- *'Will AI replace most jobs in the next 20 years'*

You can choose - use a bit of Adobe InDesign or Photoshop to format the article properly to add the finishing touches!

SandPrint

Write an article for the SandPrint. Your article could take a media related theme.

How about a film review or media related activity?

Listening Tasks

The Media Show

Listen to an episode of [The Media Show](#) on the BBC Sounds App

Listen to the Radio

Become a regular listener to the BBC [Radio One Breakfast Show](#) - listen to at least one episode a week to become familiar with the running order and the style/genre of show

Podcast

Listen to an episode of ['How Do You Like It So Far?'](#) - this podcast series is co-hosted by Henry Jenkins, and covers a wide variety of Media topics

Watching Tasks

The Rise of the Murdoch Dynasty

Watch [The Rise of the Murdoch Dynasty](#) on BBC

The incredible story of Rupert Murdoch's influence on world events and the dramatic personal battle for power at the heart of his own family.

High Score

Watch the TV Series [High Score](#) - Available via Netflix

A documentary series charting the history of popular videogames.

The Story of Film

Watch **The Story of Film: An Odyssey** - the Mark Cousins series is available on DVD/Blu Ray

The Story of Film: An Odyssey is a 2011 British documentary film about the history of film. It was directed and narrated by Mark Cousins, a film critic from Northern Ireland, based on his 2004 book The Story of Film.

Research Tasks

History of Video Games

Research into the history of videogames - create a visual display on either Photoshop or Canva for each generation - including key games, hardware, characters and industry figures.

Journal Articles

Read a journal article from one of the theorists from the A Level course to further your understanding of their work.

You can search for names, and it will come up with a wide variety for each theorist.

History of Radio

Research the history of radio. With a specific focus upon the UK and BBC radio.

Consider the technology itself, but also how the industry has adapted and evolved as newer forms of audio and AV media have been introduced.

How has Web 2.0 culture affected radio?

Trips & Visits

BFI Southbank

Visit the [BFI Southbank](#), and watch a pre-1970s film.

Guardian Event

Attend a [Guardian Event](#) - many are still online, but there will be more in-person events in future. Look out for some that relate to investigative journalism of the company.

Creative Tasks

Opening Scene

Create an opening scene for a film/TV episode screenplay using [CeITx](#). Use advice on screenwriting widely available online.

Breaking down a scene

Create an audio-visual essay, breaking down a key scene from your favourite film or TV show into the four key micro elements of AV media (MES/Sound/Editing/Cinematography). Use Adobe Premiere or Da Vinci Resolve to make your project. Useful [link](#)

Student Led Tasks

Letterboxd

Create a [Letterboxd account](#), and tick off all of the films you have watched.

BFI Courses

Sign up for a [course at the BFI](#) - there are options for Summer courses, and those that run regularly throughout the year.

Year 13 - Video Game

Y13 Play a narrative based videogame (*The Last of Us*, *God of War*, *Resident Evil 8*, *Halo*,), a gameplay-based game (Any Battle Royale, Platformers,) and a fully independent game.

Compare elements like completion time, graphics, quality of graphics engine etc.

Do you think the videogame industry prioritizes profit or creativity?