

Non-fiction and creative writing skills

This document provides a list of external resources to help students to develop their non-fiction and creative writing.

In the GCSE (9–1) in English Language, students are required to respond to a non-fiction writing task in Component 1, Communicating information and ideas, and an imaginative/creative writing task in Component 2, Exploring effects and impact.

- 1 This power point of creative writing prompts could make for a great starter or plenary exercise (Requires free sign-up to TES connect).
<https://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/creative-writing-prompts-powerpoint-6001385>
- 2 A great range of creative writing ideas – students could choose which one inspires them the most. Alternatively, they could pick from a 'lucky dip' or the teacher, according to ability, could assign each student one of the tasks.
<http://englishtutorhome2.blogspot.co.uk/2013/06/25-awesome-ideas-for-creative-writing.html>
- 3 A range of resources for teachers to inspire creative writing in their students.
http://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/search/?skip=0&search=games&resource_type=&activity_type_2=&activity_type=12&professional_type=&misc_list_1=&misc_list_2=&audience_type=&sort=title
- 4 There are many videos on YouTube of writers talking about their writing, writing by other authors and work that have inspired them. These could be used as part of a lesson to inspire students to write their own work 'in the style of' or just to inspire students to start writing. The following video is a good start with clips from famous authors talking about writing and the process, which should help instigate discussion about writing and reading in the classroom.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMACNQPrWDM>
- 5 Education Scotland also has a great range of videos in which writers talk about their work and the process. These can be used to inspire creative writing in the class and instigate discussion amongst the group.
http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/video/n/video_tcm4624664.asp



- 6 This website has some lesson plans and ideas for creative writing ranging from narrative viewpoint and plot to character development.
<http://www.creative-writing-now.com/how-to-teach-writing.html>
- 7 A range of resources to aid GCSE writing which students could access independently for homework.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english/writing/>
- 8 A resource for teaching non-fiction persuasive writing (requires free TES sign up).
<https://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/persuasive-language-worksheet-chart-6014220>
- 9 A revision site that has some hints and tips for improving non-fiction writing.
<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english/writing-to-argue-persuade-instruct/revise-it/organising-your-argument>



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