

Representation in Drama

150 plays

by Playwrights from the global majority



INTRODUCTION

The list was created to encourage Drama exam boards to update their specifications. It was expanded to support secondary school teachers, directors, facilitators, lecturers and students with finding texts that reflect their own culture and/or heritage, and to introduce students to cultures and heritages different to their own. These plays can be used for study in the classroom, as a reading list to broaden your knowledge and for youth theatre productions.

It is essential that all students feel represented, a sense of belonging and have a better understanding and knowledge of our global community, in which they exist.

The plays included in this list have all had professional productions and are easily available to purchase. These plays have been read with exam board criteria in mind. We have included a suggested age range for engaging with these plays, however there will be plays which are placed in the A Level category which could be explored with a younger cohort - you know your students and participants best.

We encourage you to be mindful rather than colour blind when casting and consider the appropriateness of the play being performed by your participants. If characters are specified as being from the global majority* then it is important that they are performed by actors from the specified ethnicities. It is important for white participants to read and study these works too. It is not appropriate for students to put on accents and perpetuate negative stereotypes, which reinforce systems of oppression.

To discuss this further, please do get in touch. This is a fluid list which we aim to update. We know there are many plays and resources out there which we haven't come across yet. If you would like to suggest a play or resource for us to read and consider then please get in touch with us at representation.in.drama@gmail.com

This list was compiled by creative engagement practitioner Mezza Eade and the London Theatre Consortium Creative Learning group.

*Global majority includes, but is not limited to, artists of African, North African, South Asian, South East Asian, East Asian, Caribbean, Latinx, Middle Eastern, Native American, Native Australian, Pacific Islanders, Roma and Traveller heritage or diaspora, and refers to people who have experienced racism due to the colour of their skin or ethnicity. We do not want to lump individuals into one category and try to be specific when talking about individuals and communities.

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Fireworks (2015) Dalia Taha
Image Credit: Helen Maybanks

The Fall (2010) Baxter Theatre Company
Image Credit: Oscar O’Ryan

1. DESERT BOY - Mojisola Adebayo

Published: 2010
Productions: 2010
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M + chorus

GCSE

Synopsis: A musical play. teenage boy lands on Deptford beach with a knife in his stomach. As he lies crying for his mother his cries are heard through the centuries by a mysterious Desert Man from 300 years ago.

RESOURCES
<https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/content/mojisola-adebayo-desert-boy>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E>

2. MUHAMMAD ALI AND ME - Mojisola Adebayo

Published: 2008
Productions: 2008, 2016, 2017
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 105 mins
Cast: 1F, 1M, 1 gender non specific

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A semi-autobiographical play: a coming-of-age story of a young, black, gay girl growing up in foster care, with the guidance of her fantastical friend Muhammad Ali. Told through poetry, dance, boxing, song and BSL.

RESOURCES
https://www.nayt.org.uk/wind/_/rush_generations_by_mojisola_adebayo
<https://vimeo.com/91385052> <https://www.rajhashakiry.co.uk/projects/muhammad-ali-and-me/>

3. HOARD - Bim Adewunmi

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 4F, 1M

GCSE

Synopsis: Rafi and Ami’s sister is coming round for dinner – and for the first time, she’s bringing her boyfriend, Brian. Then without any warning, their mother arrives. Why doesn’t she know that Brian exists?

RESOURCES
<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/esmagazine/bim-adewunmi-east-london-dalston-a4143076.html>
<https://www.theupcoming.co.uk/2019/05/17/im-a-hoarder-this-play-is-going-to-change-my-life-an-interview-with-hoard-director-femi-elufowoju-jr/>

4. GONE TOO FAR - Bola Agbaje

Published: 2007
Productions: 2007
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 4F, 8M

GCSE

Synopsis: An errand to buy milk becomes a journey through identity, acceptance and the complexities of racism.

RESOURCES
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2008/jul/23/theatre.knifecrime?gusrc=rss&feed=uknews>
<http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/playwright-screenwriter-bola-agbaje-discusses-screen-debut-gone-too-far/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7gaQV0u1Zc>

5. OFF THE ENDZ - Bola Agbaje

Published: 2010
Productions: 2010
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 3F, 2M (3 chorus)

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Sharon and Kojo are trying to move out of the ends. Just released from prison, David isn’t ready for his childhood friends to move on.

RESOURCES
Off the Endz
<https://d19lfjg8hluhf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Off-the-Endz-Resource-Pack.pdf>

6. I WANNA BE YOURS - Zia Ahmed

Published: 2019 **GCSE**
Productions: 2019 - 2020
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 1M, 1F

Synopsis: Set in modern day. A tender, funny, lyrical play about finding love and holding onto it with everything you’ve got.

RESOURCES
<https://tamasha.org.uk/ojects/i-wanna-be-yours/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YehFX6XM0XE>

7. THE INVISIBLE HAND - Ayad Akhtar

Published: 2014 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2014, 2016, 2021
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 105 mins
Cast: 4M

Synopsis: American banker Nick Bright knows that his freedom comes at a price. Confined to a cell within the depths of rural Pakistan, every second counts. Who will decide his fate? His captors, or the whims of the market?

RESOURCES
<https://www.english-theatre.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/The-Invisible-Hand-TRP.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30cESXHe3UY&t=38s>

8. BURGERZ - Travis Alabanza

Published: 2018 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 75 mins
Cast: 1 Trans

Synopsis: After someone threw a burger at them and shouted a transphobic slur, Travis became obsessed with burgers. Burgerz is the climax of their obsession – exploring how trans bodies survive and address their own complicity.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ourlo1XW5HY>
<http://travisalabanza.co.uk/work/>

9. MINEFIELD - Lola Arias

Published: 2017 **GCSE**
Productions: 2016, 2017
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 100 mins
Cast: 6M

Synopsis: Falklands/Malvinas war veterans who once faced each other across a battlefield now face each other across a stage. Together they share memories, films, songs and photos as they recall their collective war experience and embody the political figures that led them into it.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6KW7i1CRns&t=57s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o50io6puMhY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPKwOm89AYk>

10. FOR ALL THE WOMEN WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE MAD - Zawe Ashton

Published: 2019 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 7F, 3M

Synopsis: Examination of the forces working against women of the African diaspora living in white Western society.

RESOURCES
<https://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-janet-kumah-currently-starring-in-zawe-ashtons-play-for-all-the-women-who-thought-they-were-mad/>

11. THE MIKVAH PROJECT - Josh Azouz

Published: 2015 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2015, 2020
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 2M

Synopsis: Two men form a bond as they participate in a weekly ritual cleansing. This bond explores the limits of love and the need for transformation.

RESOURCES
<https://vimeo.com/408862082>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbJcak1n1iM>
<https://theatreweekly.com/interview-josh-zare-on-the-mikvah-project-at-the-orange-tree-theatre/>

12. THE AMEN CORNER - James Baldwin

Published: 1961 **GCSE**
Productions: 2013
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 130 mins
Cast: 9F, 5M (Chorus)

Synopsis: Preacher Margaret Alexander’s world is about to crumble. After years of separation Margaret’s husband returns but will she be able to keep hold of her son?

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjdf123iSRg>

13. DUTCHMAN - Amiri Baraka/ Leroi Jones

Published: 1964 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2016, 2019, 2021
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 50 mins
Cast: 1F, 2M (Chorus)

Synopsis: A white woman sits next to a black man on a train and strikes up an amicable conversation. But who should be fearful for their life?

RESOURCES
<https://www.youngvic.org/blog/ola-ince-on-dutchman-race-and-research#close>
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/amiri-baraka>
<https://www.enotes.com/topics/dutchman>

14. THE FALL - Baxter Theatre Company

Published: 2017 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2016, 2017
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 4F, 3M

Synopsis: The #RhodesMustFall and subsequent student - led movements in South Africa alerted the country and world to ongoing issues brought about by apartheid and colonialism in South Africa. The Fall details the experiences of seven students within this movement and how they deal with their traumas while advocating for a free decolonised education.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKhOIIK56EM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCQ5RflpRCk>

15. I AM (NOT) KANYE WEST - Natasha Brown

Published: 2020 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2020
Publisher: Team Angelica
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Tash navigates the politics of university elections to explore the complexities of identity

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYtAEhS1K8E>

16. TYPICAL - Ryan Calais Cameron

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A monologue about police brutality from the perspective of a man navigating how the world sees him as a black man.

RESOURCES

<https://www.thestage.co.uk/features/ryan-calais-cameron-i-started-writing-typical-at-9pm-and-the-first-draft-was-finished-by-10am>

<https://shadesofnoir.org.uk/ryan-calais-cameron-on-typical/>

17. QUEENS OF SHEBA - Jessica L Hagan and Ryan Calais Cameron

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 4F

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Loosely based on the DSTRKT night spot incident of 2015, Queens of Sheba shines a spotlight on misogynoir: misogyny towards Black women where race and gender both play roles in bias.

RESOURCES

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/interviews/queens-of-sheba-an-interview-with-director-jessica-kaliisa/>

18. CHEWING GUM DREAMS - Michaela Coel

Published: 2013

Productions: 2012, 2014

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 45 mins

Cast: 1F

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Tracey Gordon, the 67 bus, friendship, sex, UK garage, school, music, teachers, friendship, periods, emergency contraceptive, arse and tits, friendship, raves, tampons, white boys, God, money. Friendship. Aaron, Candice, sex and Connor Jones. Chewing Gum Dreams is a one-woman play that recalls those last days of innocence before adulthood.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFuk3gUDJBY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap-SlckhLzl>

19. RED VELVET - Lolita Chakrabarti

Published: 2012

Productions: 2012, 2014

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 5F, 7M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, 1833. Edmund Kean has collapsed on stage whilst playing Othello. A young Black American actor has been asked to take over the role. But as the public riot in the streets over the abolition of slavery, how will the cast, critics and audience react to the revolution taking place in theatre? Chakrabarti's play creates imagined experiences based on the little-known, but true, story of Ira Aldridge, an African American Actor who, in the nineteenth century, built an incredible reputation on the stages of London and Europe.

RESOURCES

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/writersroom/entries/885fd420-c3a0-3aac-8fa5-4dd3adacce8b>

<https://kilntheatre.com/schools-education/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjU9EAX0kbU>

20. NO MORE LOTUS FLOWER - Julie Cheung-Inhin

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 30 mins

Cast: 1F

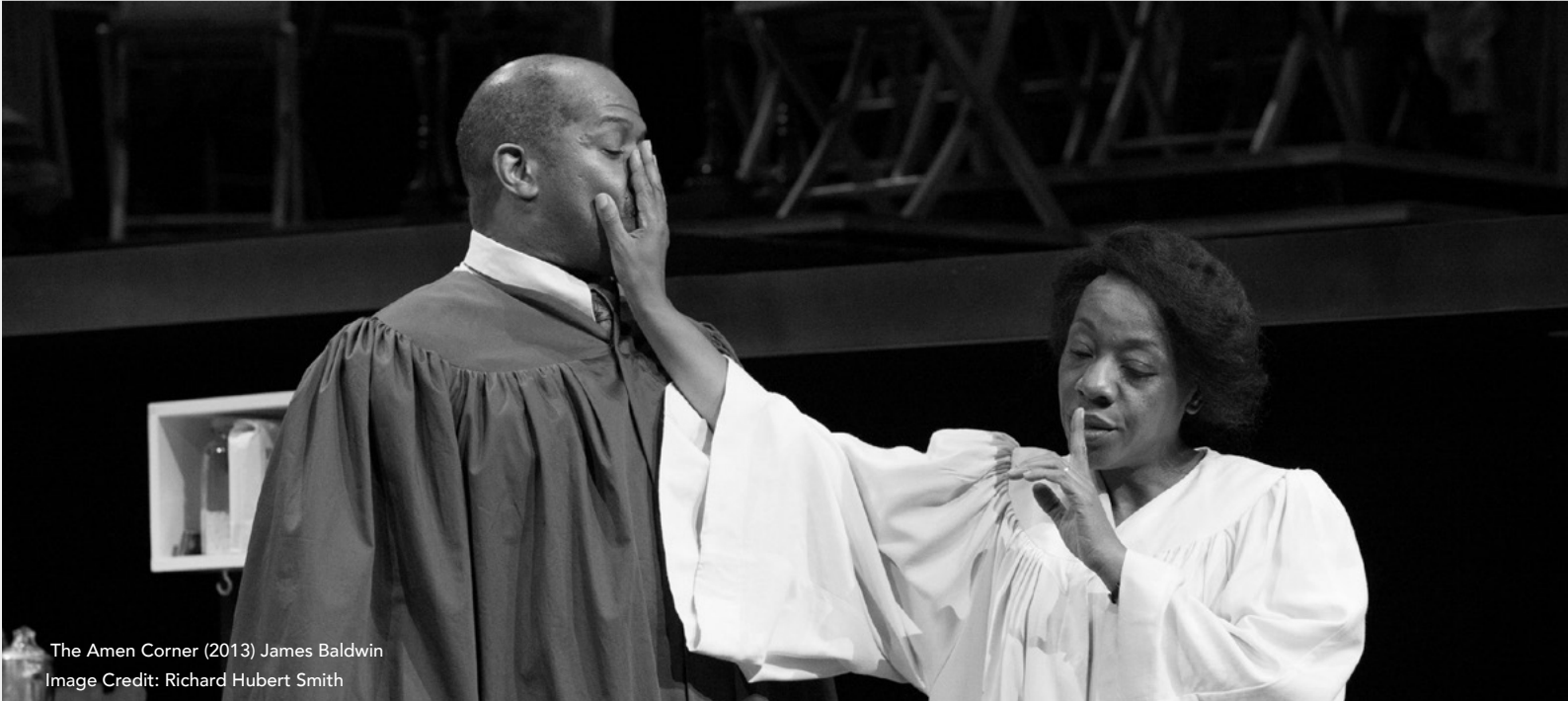
GCSE

Synopsis: A witty exploration of what it's like to be an East Asian actor in London.

RESOURCES

Full Show

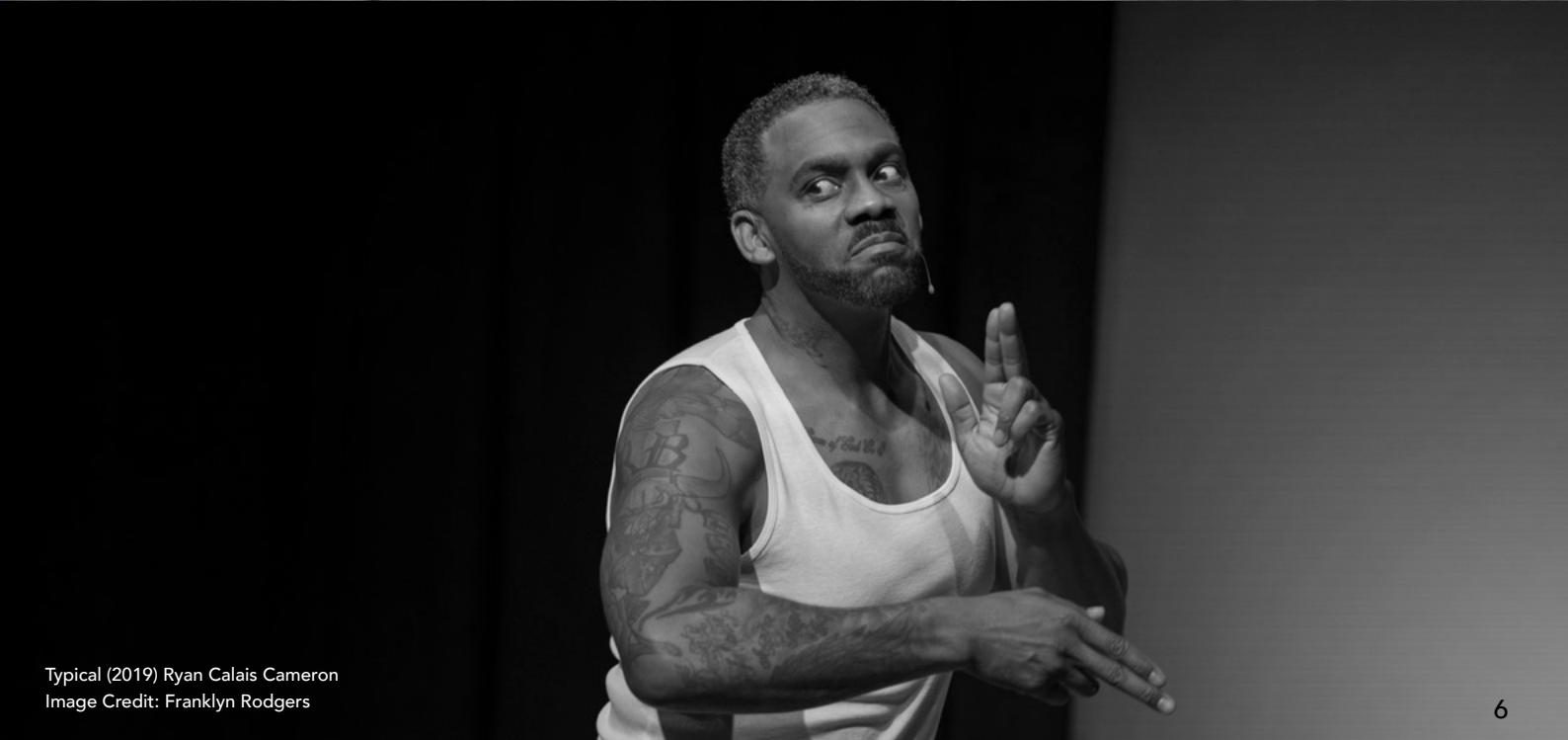
<https://vimeo.com/140852836>



The Amen Corner (2013) James Baldwin
Image Credit: Richard Hubert Smith



Ear for eye (2018) debbie tucker green
Image Credit: Stephen Cumminskey



Typical (2019) Ryan Calais Cameron
Image Credit: Franklyn Rodgers

21. YOU FOR ME FOR YOU - Mia Chung

Published: 2015 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2012, 2015
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 3F, 3M,

Synopsis: North Korean sisters Minhee and Junhee are torn apart at the border as they attempt to flee. Each must race across time and space to be together again.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiupyujJYsA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojdhIYESMYw>

22. THE FREE 9 - In-Sook Chappell

Published: 2018 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 4F, 5M

Synopsis: Inspired by the true story of the Laos 9 - defectors or child refugees who slipped through the gaps of international law.

RESOURCES
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/dec/11/north-korea-releases-video-defectors-forced-return>
<https://www.koreafuture.org/about>

23. TROUBLE IN MIND - Alice Childress

Published: 1955 **GCSE**
Productions: 1955, 1992, 2016, 2017
Publisher: Northwestern University Press
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 3F, 6M

Synopsis: A play within a play, satirising the theatre as a microcosm of society. A play about white people putting on a play about black people and the compromises made to keep the dominant culture happy.

RESOURCES
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/arts/educational-magazines/trouble-mind> <https://youtu.be/f8Df5TPe7qk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAf7t8m4-to>
<https://www.facebook.com/NPTCtheatre/videos/767378630312273/>

24. WINE IN THE WILDERNESS - Alice Childress

Published: 1969 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 1969, 2001
Publisher: Northwestern University Press
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M

Synopsis: Set in 1964 during a riot in New York the play explores notions of identity and self-worth with the African American community.

RESOURCES
Alice Childress
<https://www.enotes.com/topics/alice-childress>

25. HONEY SPOT - Jack Davis

Published: 1987 **GCSE**
Productions: 2021
Publisher: Currency Press
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M

Synopsis: A friendship between an indigenous Australian boy and a white boy, whose families have nothing in common, until a crisis forces them to face their prejudices.”

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROo5fl-bDgw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPvkV6zwYM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIDF6fDIEhE>
<https://msscordo.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/about-the-play-themes.pdf>

26. ROUTES - Rachel De-Lahay

Published: 2013 **GCSE**
Productions: 2013
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 4M, 2F

Synopsis: A play about immigration, exile and what happens when people ‘fall through the cracks.’

RESOURCES
<http://exeuntmagazine.com/features/everythings-political/>

27. THE WESTBRIDGE - Rachel De-Lahay

Published: 2011 **GCSE**
Productions: 2011
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 4F, 4M

Synopsis: Tension mounts and sparks fly when a Pakistani girl is reported to have been attacked by a Black boy. Causing friends and relatives to question friendships and the nature of love.

RESOURCES
<https://royalcourttheatre.com/podcast/episode-6-rachel-de-lahay-talks-to-simon-stephens/>

28. FUNERAL FLOWERS - Emma Dennis Edwards

Published: 2018 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2018, 2019
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Angelique, a seventeen-year-old whose dreams of being a florist are a refuge from a complicated adolescence. With her mum in prison, Angelique faces bullying, abuse and growing up in the care system.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1bl_SDGPxc
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2019/apr/19/from-prison-to-the-stage-and-back-to-tottenham>
<http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-emma-dennis-edwards-about-her-new-play-funeral-flowers/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E>

29. APPROACHING EMPTY - Ishy Din

Published: 2019 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Methuen Drama
Length: 105 mins
Cast: 4M 2F

Synopsis: In a scruffy minicab office, Mansha decides it’s time to create his own destiny and offers to buy the business from his lifelong friend Raf. As the realities of the state of the company slowly come to light, these two best friends must confront the difficulties of going into business with those closest to them.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNgA-nmNgHE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKVPwnBCc0>

30. EAST IS EAST - Ayub Khan Din

Published: 1997 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 1996, 1997, 2009, 2014, 2021
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 3F, 7M

Synopsis: George Khan wants to raise his family the ‘proper Pakistani way’ but hasn’t counted on the distractions of 70s Salford. Abdul and Tariq aren’t ready to be married off, Saleem is pushing artistic boundaries, Meenah’s skirt is too short and Sajit just wants to hide in his parka. Can mum Ella keep the family together?

RESOURCES
<https://www.pilot-theatre.com/media/files/Education%20Packs/2006%20ER%20east-is-east-pack.doc> <https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/revisiting-east-is-east>



Barber Shop Chronicles (2017) Inua Ellams
Image Credit: Marc Brenner

Half Breed (2017) Natasha Marshall
Image Credit: Helen Maybanks

One Night in Miami (2016) Kemp Powers
Image Credit: Johan Persson

31. SUMMER ROLLS - Tuyen Do

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 2F, 5M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: The Nguyen family are nursing deep wounds and secrets. Escaping war-torn Vietnam has left scars that no one is willing to talk about. As the family gradually integrates into their new life in Britain, the youngest daughter Mai turns to photography, her camera becoming a conduit through which she navigates her dual identity as a second-generation immigrant and chronicles her community's experiences.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aVpWchGZRA> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7GY3nS-Dlg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k0tS1dcC1o> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KkwnjBG7A>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqQGTGUF4yo> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOo0YOVxJa0>

32. FOMO - Suhayla El-Bushra

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 5F, 4M (Chorus)

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Synopsis: Dani and Josh are the perfect couple. Their friends watch as their love story unfolds on social media. But when the government switches off the internet for reasons of national security, the truth of their relationship is revealed. Told almost entirely through tweets, texts and status updates, FOMO takes a light, humorous look at comparing yourself to others.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuR34umiBIc>

33. HOMEGROWN - Omar El-Khairi & Nadia Latif

Published: 2017

Productions: 2015

Publisher: fly □rates

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 7F, 7M

GCSE

Synopsis: An investigation into the 'radicalisation' of young Muslims and cultural identity.

RESOURCES

<https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2019/05/omar-el-khairi-and-nadia-latif-homegrown/>

34. BARBER SHOP CHRONICLES - Inua Ellams

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 105 mins

Cast: 30M

GCSE

Synopsis: Men gathered in barber shops in Johannesburg, Harare, Kampala, Lagos, Accra and London over the course of a day, discussing the world.

RESOURCES

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/nt-at-home-barber-shop-chronicles>
<https://www.barbershopchronicles.co.uk>
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/sites/default/files/national-theatre-at-home-barber-shop-chronicles-learning-resource.pdf>

35. HALF GOD OF RAINFALL - Inua Ellams

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1M, 1W

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: There is something about Demi. When this boy is angry, rain clouds gather. When he cries, rivers burst their banks and the first time he takes a shot on a basketball court, the deities of the land take note. His mother, Modupe, looks on with a mixture of pride and worry. From close encounters, she knows Gods often act like men: the same fragile egos, the same unpredictable fury and the same sense of entitlement to the bodies of mortals. She will sacrifice everything to protect her son. Only the women in Demi's life, the mothers, daughters and Goddesses, will stand between him and a lightning bolt.

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9wbhhl_Oak
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6m_KnJLshGU

36. THREE SISTERS - Inua Ellams
(ADAPTATION AFTER CHEKHOV)

Published: 2020
Productions: 2020
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 170 mins
Cast: 10F, 9M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Set in 1960s Nigeria, three sisters mourn the loss of their father and long to return to Lagos. But like their country their lives are plunged into chaos as the Biafran Civil War encroaches.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tbR_-V-Snc
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yC8e0gBec8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMPs3FBmJ5g>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K0IVcJ3OdA>

37. THE DEATH OF A BLACK MAN - Alfred Fagon

Published: 1975
Productions: 2021
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 125 mins
Cast: 1F, 2M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Two friends have a plan to crack the music business, but what will be sacrificed in their quest to be rich beyond their wildest dreams?

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zMIY9R5lYg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjqE2koJGP4>

38. MIES JULIE - Yael Farber
(ADAPTATION BASED ON AUGUST STRINDBERG’S MISS JULIE)

Published: 2012
Productions: 2012
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 3F, 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Strindberg’s Miss Julie is transposed to farm in post-apartheid South Africa. The characters struggle to address issues of reprisal and the reality of what can and cannot ever be recovered.

RESOURCES
<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/video/2012/aug/17/strindberg-mies-julie-edinburgh-festival>
<https://www.shakespearetheatre.org/watch-listen/mies-julie-the-washington-post/>

39. COMPACT FAILURE - Jennifer Farmer

Published: 2004
Productions: 2004
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 6F, 1M (1F OR M)

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Compact Failure explores the relationships between three women prisoners: Chelle, Ruthie and Maya. Old-timer Chelle is lonely. Maya is missing her children who don’t know she’s in prison. Ruthie, in her early twenties, is a breath of fresh air for Chelle, who thought she was done with friendship.

40. THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND - Marcus Gardley
(ADAPTATION INSPIRED BY THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA)

Published: 2014
Productions: 2014
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 7F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: New Orleans, 1836. Following an era of French colonial rule and relative racial acceptance, Beatrice, a free Black Woman, has become one of the wealthiest women through her relationship with a rich white man. When her lover mysteriously dies, Beatrice imposes a 6 month period of mourning on her and her three daughters. As the summer heat intensifies, the foundations of freedom she has built for herself and their three unwed daughters begin to crumble.Society is changing, racial divides are growing and, as the members of the household turn on each other in their fight for survival, it could cost them everything.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZFYJPYbwxl> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OljDOpcDS7A>

41. A WOLF IN SNAKESKIN SHOES - Marcus Gardley
(ADAPTATION INSPIRED BY TARTUFF)

Published: 2015
Productions: 2015
Publisher: Methuen Drama
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 5F, 3M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A fresh take on Moiliere’s, Tartuff, set in a world of fast food tycoons and megachurches is a wicked comedy that rocks the foundations of trust, faith and redemption. Given just days to live, multi-millionaire Archibald Organdy puts his faith in the flamboyant Archbishop Tardimus Toof, a prophet, preacher and part-time masseur who arrives in Atlanta from the deep, deep south. Toof promises to absolve Archibald’s sins and heal his disease, but his family suspect there’s more to this healer than faith, virtue and snakeskin shoes.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QUTSFLTyo
<http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/adjoa-andoh-is-a-peach-in-tricycle-theatres-production-of-a-wolf-in-snakeskin-shoes/Ja0>

42. RACHEL - Angelina W. Grimke

Published: 1920
Productions: 1916, 1917, 2014
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 130 mins
Cast: 4F, 3M,

GCSE

Synopsis: Rachel is a young, educated, middle-class woman. But she is born into an African-American family in the early 20th century – a world in which ignorance and violence prevail.

RESOURCES
<https://finboroughtheatre.co.uk/production/rachel/>

43. AT THE GATES OF GAZA - Juliet Gilkes Romero

Published: 2008
Productions: 2008
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 6M

GCSE

Synopsis: A group of soldiers from the British West Indian regiment are stranded during WWI, fighting for an Empire that does not accept them as equals.

RESOURCES
<https://www.julietgilkesromero.co.uk/portfolio/at-the-gates-of-gaza/>

44. THE WHIP - Juliet Gilkes Romero

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019 (Audio 2020)
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 165 mins
Cast: 4F, 6M

GCSE

Synopsis: Set at the dawn of social reform laws in England, The Whip examines the fight to pass the 1833 Slavery Abolition Act.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgQtNO7HHn8>
<https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-whip/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6UTui_iwcs

45. NINE NIGHT - Natasha Gordon

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 105 mins
Cast: 5F, 2M

GCSE

Synopsis: The traditional Jamaican Nine Night wake tests the family left behind to mourn and celebrate.

RESOURCES
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/nine-night>

46. THE EMPRESS - Tanika Gupta

Published: 2013

Productions: 2013

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 160 mins

Cast: 8F, 10M

Synopsis: Investigates the impact of Empire on its Indian subjects in England. The play explores the relationship between Queen Victoria, Abdul Karim her servant and Rani Das an Indian nanny.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyXl-jUXPYs> <https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-empress>

47. A DOLL’S HOUSE - Tanika Gupta

(AN ADAPTATION)

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 130 mins

Cast: 3F, 3M

Synopsis: Set in Calcutta, 1879, reimagined through the lens of British colonialism

RESOURCES

<https://lyric.co.uk/education-packs/a-dolls-house/>

48. RED DUST ROAD - Tanika Gupta

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 140 mins

Cast: 11F, 5M

Synopsis: Stage adaptation of Jackie Kaye’s memoir; the journey of a dual heritage child adopted by a Communist couple in 1970s Scotland

RESOURCES

<http://www.tanikagupta.com/red-dust-road/>
<http://www.tanikagupta.com>

49. THE CONVERT - Danai Gurira

Published: 2012

Productions: 2012, 2017, 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 145 mins

Cast: 3F, 4M

Synopsis: It’s 1896 in Rhodesia and Jekesai has been given her new, catholic name. Chilford, the only black Roman Catholic in the region, has decided she’ll now be known as Ester, wear European clothing and speak only English. She’s torn away from everything that she knows by Chilford, who earnestly believes the promises of the white man.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youngvic.org/blog/danai-gurira-kwame-kwei-armah-conversation-the-convert>

50. CHILDREN OF KILLERS - Katori Hall

Published: 2011

Productions: 2011, 2012

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 3F, 4M + Chorus

Synopsis: Young friends await the arrival of fathers they have never met. Hutu men, who years earlier, were driven to perpetrate the Tutsi genocide.

RESOURCES

<https://vimeo.com/56159820>



Seven Methods of Killing Kylie Jenner (2019) Jasmine Lee-Jones
Image Credit: Helen Murray

Les Blancs (1970, 2001, 2016) Lorraine Hansberry
Image Credit: Johan Persson

51. IS GOD IS - Aleshea Harris

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018, 2021, 2022

Publisher: Concord (Samuel French)

Length: 100 mins

Cast: 4F, 4M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Twins and burns victims Racine and Anina, visit their mother (She/God) who they thought was dead. She sends them on a mission to kill their father who set her on fire and is the reason the twins are burnt. This epic takes its cues from ancient, modern, tragic, spaghetti western, hip-hop and Afropunk.

RESOURCES

<https://www.theintervalny.com/interviews/2018/03/aleshea-harris-on-is-god-is/>

<https://wilmatheater.org/blog/a-conversation-with-is-god-is-playwright-aleshea-harris/>

52. A RAISIN IN THE SUN - Lorraine Hansberry

Published: 1959

Productions: 1959, 1960, 1973, 2004, 2010, 2014, 2017

Publisher: New York Vintage Books

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 3F, 5M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: A story about an African American family’s experiences in South Chicago as they try to improve their circumstances with an insurance payout from the death of their father.

RESOURCES

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/a-raisin-in-the-sun-revision-pack-11917431>

<https://teachnovels.com/a-raisin-in-the-sun-activities/>

<https://www.lhlt.org>

53. LES BLANCS - Lorraine Hansberry

Published: 1960

Productions: 1970, 2001 and 2016

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 160 mins

Cast: 3F, 7M,

GCSE

Synopsis: Investigation of the notions of identity and ownership in a fictional 1960s sub-Saharan country, exposing the legacy of colonialism.

RESOURCES

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/les-blancs>

54. JAMAICA BOY - Stephen Hoo

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Aurora Metro Books

Length: 75 mins

Cast: 2F, 7M

GCSE

Synopsis: Highlights the migratory history of the Chinese diaspora through the Caribbean to the UK. Set in 1960s Jamaica and present-day London exploring racial tensions and connections.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfYNhOMIypk>

55. YELLOW FACE - David Henry Hwang

Published: 2007

Productions: 2013

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 110 mins

Cast: 2F, 5M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A mock documentary exploring Asian identity and white media portrayal and politics.

RESOURCES

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2014/may/12/david-henry-hwang-miss-saigon-yellow-face-racial-casting>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdOvAP5QITU>

56. MULATTO - Langston Hughes

Published: 1931

Productions: 1935, 1936, 2015

Publisher: Indiana

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 2F, 10M

KS3 / GCSE

Synopsis: Set in the deep south a young man struggles with his identity - the son of a Black servant and the white master - the plantation cannot be home unless he is recognised for who he truly is, the master’s son.

RESOURCES

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/mulatto-by-langston-hughes-poem-analysis>

html <https://www.gradesaver.com/langston-hughes-poems/study-guide/summary-mulatto>

57. BLOOD - Emteaz Hussain

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015

Publisher: Methuen Drama

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A contemporary urban love story set in the Midlands in a Pakistani community. The play follows Sully and Caneze as they navigate the ferocity of young love against a backdrop of family loyalties and expectation, an exploration of identity and hope for the future.

RESOURCES

<https://www.bhucharboulevard.com/blood>

58. SPUN - Rabiah Hussain

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Concord Theatricals

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 2

GCSE

Synopsis: Seen through the eyes of two British Pakistani Muslim girls from East London, the play unravels the makings of a friendship, micro-aggressions in the city, and the challenge of keeping rooted through unstable times.

RESOURCES

<https://www.arcolatheatre.com/rabiah-hussain-why-i-wrote-spun/>

59. TWO PALESTINIANS GO DOGGING - Sami Ibrahim

Published: 2019

Productions: 2021

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 3F, 4M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Is this a story about the Arab-Israeli conflict or is this a story about family?

RESOURCES

<https://www.writeaplay.co.uk/meet-the-shortlist-sami-ibrahim/>

60. LITTLE MISS BURDEN - Matildia Ibini

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Concord Theatricals

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 3

GCSE

Synopsis: A coming-of-age play smashing together 90s nostalgia, Nigerian family, East London and Sailor Moon to tell the story of growing up with a physical impairment.

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfJla_ktJug

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBKtHiQ30aw>

<https://www.breakingcharacter.com/home/matilda-ibini-qanda>



Three Sisters (2020) Inua Ellams
Image Credit: The Other Richard



The Great Wave (2018) Francis Turnly
Image Credit: Mark Doue



Les Blancs (1970, 2001, 2016) Lorraine Hansberry
Image Credit: Johan Persson

61. GIRLS - Theresa Ikoko

Published: 2016

Productions: 2016

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 3F

GCSE

Synopsis: Tisana, Ruhab and Haleema are three normal teenage girls who have been best friends forever. But when they are kidnapped from their hometown, each must find their own way to survive.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNexqe3fnUw>

<http://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/award-winning-playwright-theresa-ikoko-talks-about-new-play-girls/>

62. AN OCTOROON - Brandon Jacob Jenkins

Published: 2014

Productions: 2014, 2017, 2018

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 140 mins

Cast: 5F, 10M,

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Set on a plantation: presents the complexities of identity and discrimination and deconstructs racial stereotypes

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsmhrxOV9wU>

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/octoroon-interview-branden-jacobs-jenkins-playwright>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psmqmqvICS8>

63. APPROPRIATE - Brandon Jacob Jenkins

Published: 2014, 2019

Productions: 2014, 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 125 mins

Cast: 4F, 5M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: The Lafayette family gather at their late father's home in Arkansas to bury the hatchet and prepare the former plantation for its Estate Sale. Until, that is, they make a discovery which changes everything.

Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' *Appropriate* is a gripping play about ghosts and the legacies we are left with, and a wickedly subversive appropriation of the great American family drama.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxz6lChl8Ec>

64. CUTTIN' IT - Charlene James

Published: 2016

Productions: 2016, 2020

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 2F

GCSE

Synopsis: Two Somalian girls are brought together by a traumatic rite of passage.

RESOURCES

<https://d19lfjg8hluhf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/27115720/Cuttin-it-Resource-Pack-2018-v4.pdf>

65. STRAIGHT WHITE MEN - Young Jean Lee

Published: 2020

Productions: 2014

Publisher: Nick Hern (duo with Untitled Feminist Show)

Length: 190 mins

Cast: 5/6

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Metatheatrical commentary on masculinity and identity in contemporary America.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdQibq7gY6o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kv03aGMS2E4>

66. MOON ON A RAINBOW SHAWL - Errol John

Published: 1958

Productions: 1962, 1986, 1988 & 2012

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 130 mins

Cast: 4F, 9M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Post-war Trinidad – in a confined backyard each character struggles to find their life by clinging to what little they have or following their dream

RESOURCES

<https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/migration-stories-in-errol-johns-moon-on-a-rainbow-shawl>

<https://www.bl.uk/works/moon-on-a-rainbow-shawl>

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/sites/default/files/moon_background_pack.pdf

67. DAHLIA AND ALI - Tariq Jordan

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1F, 2M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Accused of rioting, Ali awaits his fate in an Israeli interrogation room. But when an old lover steps in to defend him, the two are forced to confront their past; finding themselves torn between bitter loyalties.

RESOURCES

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=801026840253674>

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/arts-culture/on-stage/experience-of-ethnic-profiling-in-israel-inspired-actor-to-write-new-london-play-1.840937>

68. J’OUVERT - Yasmin Joseph

Published: 2019

Productions: 2021

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 95 mins

Cast: 3F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Three girls celebrate and grapple with their presence at the Carnival and in society to discover the true meaning of resistance and joy.

RESOURCES

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2021/apr/27/i-wanted-to-capture-the-joy-jouvert-writer-yasmin-joseph-on-bringing-europes-biggest-carnival-to-the-stage>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq8ver96NMc>

69. SANCHO: AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - Paterson Joseph

Published: 2011

Productions: 2011, 2020, 2021

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 1M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: An historical monologue of the life of C. Ignatius Sancho – artist, entrepreneur and the first black British person to vote in 1774

RESOURCES

<https://www.bl.uk/restoration-18th-century-literature/articles/preface-to-sancho-an-act-of-remembrance>

70. GUARDS AT THE TAJ - Rajiv Joseph

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015, 2017

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 85 mins

Cast: 2M

GCSE

Synopsis: 1648 and the Taj Mahal is almost complete. An exploration of art, privilege and duty

RESOURCES

<https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/GATT-Education-Pack-2017-Low.pdf>

<https://atlantictheater.org/production/guards-at-the-taj/>

71. BEHZTI - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: 2004

Productions: 2010

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 140 mins

Cast: 4F, 3M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A mother and daughter’s illusions are shattered when they head to the local Sikh Temple, as they’re immersed in a world of desperate aspiration and dangerous deals.

72. DISHOOM - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: TBC

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 4F, 7M

GCSE

Synopsis: Simon’s Bibi is ashamed of him, his father hides in the pub and the National Front are on the streets. Inspired by his cousin and Bollywood classic, Sholay, Simon finds friendship and the courage to change the world.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdpecZzovV0&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDRot9-R7ZA>

<https://www.rifcotheatre.com/shows/dishoom>

73. ELEPHANT - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 3F, 2M

GCSE

Synopsis: Vira, a CSA survivor has been doing what she can to get by –She’s lived away from the family for years - it’s too painful to be around them as the truth about what happened to her when she was a child is buried deep and denied by the family. At first it’s a relief to be in the heart of the family again - she quickly reforms her bond with Amy and Bill and Barry seems to be forever helping out at the gurdwara...But when Vira faced with his abusing behaviours again, she can stay silent no more and her righteous rage finally brings the flimsy walls of a house built on lies and self- deceit, crashing down.

RESOURCES

<https://youtu.be/w8zusidUmnU>

74. A KIND OF PEOPLE - Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti

Published: 2020

Productions: 2020

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 105 mins

Cast: 3M, 4F,

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Workplace and family drama exploring the complexities of racial identity.

RESOURCES

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/akindofpeople/>

75. GOOD DOG - Arinze Kene

Published: 2017

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 1M

GCSE

Synopsis: If you’re good then good things happen, don’t they? A young boy begins to understand the complexities of the world and his place in it.

RESOURCES

Good Dog

<https://tiatafahodzi.com/good-dog-interview-with-arinze-kene/>

<https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/bushgreen/arinze-kenes-misty-preface-whats-a-black-play/>

76. LITTLE BABY JESUS - Arinze Kene

Published: 2011

Productions: 2011

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 1F, 2M

GCSE

Synopsis: Three interconnected monologies about fitting in, making mistakes and healing.

RESOURCES

Little Baby Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndIP4cNBew8>

77. MISTY - Arinze Kene

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 100 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M + Musicians

A LEVEL

Synopsis: An epic journey - exploring London’s changing cultural and urban landscapes - that also interrogates the notion of a Black play.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMhRVHlrtM8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY1qwTF3j1Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dj01J2eg81Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIntKumh26Y>

78. 10 NIGHTS - Shahid Iqbal Khan

Published: 2021

Productions: 2021

Publisher:

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1M

GCSE

Synopsis: When Yasser decides to take part in itikaf, sleeping and fasting in the mosque for the last ten nights of Ramadan, he soon regrets his decision. But as he navigates smug worshippers, shared bathrooms, and recurring thoughts of chunky chips, Yasser’s isolation forces him to confront a side of himself he’s been trying to keep hidden.

79. WHITE PEARL - Anchuli Felicia King

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Samuel French

Length: 85 mins

Cast: 6F, 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Set in present day Singapore, a leading cosmetics brand is about to lose its reputation. A racist joke, adverstising a face cream, accidently goes viral.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwQc6TaAoiE>

80. ELMINA’S KITCHEN - Kwame Kwei-Armah

Published: 2003

Productions: 2003

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 1F, 5M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Exposes the problems which perpetuate the inescapable cycle of violence in black communities

RESOURCES

Kwame Kwei-Armah - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rt9RNkgc0vk>

<https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/featured-content/essays/lynette-goddard-rennaissance-black-british-drama-1990s>

Elmina’s Kitchen - <https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/kwame-kwei-armah-on-elmina-s-kitchen-national-theatre/9AGfTZP3j6fnxQ?hl=en>

<https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/whats-on/elminas-kitchen.html>

Programme - http://d1wf8hd6ovssje.cloudfront.net/documents/elminas_tour_pack.pdf



Misty (2018) Arinze Kene
Image Credit: Helen Murray



Girls (2016) Theresa Ikoko
Image Credit: Alex Jeffery

81. FIX UP - Kwame Kwei-Armah

Published: 2004
Productions: 2004, 2019
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M

GCSE

Synopsis: Explores the responsibility of heritage and money in relation to identity and power

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgObpj9-oLo>

82. SUPERHOE - Nicôle Lecky

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 1F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A young woman wanting to make her first EP gets lured into sex work through her social media accounts.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrFsFGtM-C4>
<https://theartsdesk.com/brighton-festival/10-questions-actress-and-playwright-nic%C3%B4le-lecky>

83. #HASHTAG LIGHTIE - Lynette Linton

Published: 2017
Productions: 2017
Publisher: Team Angelica Publishing
Length: 75 mins
Cast: 3F, 3M,

GCSE

Synopsis: The show is a heart-warming and hilarious exploration of the conflicting ideas of what it means to be mixed race in Britain today.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mV9lq6J2Vk>
<https://gal-dem.com/in-conversation-with-lynette-linton-writer-of/>
<http://www.arcolatheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Hashtag-Lightie-Education-Pack.pdf>

84. SEVEN METHODS OF KILLING KYLIE JENNER - Jasmine Lee-Jones

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 2F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: How identity and beliefs are manipulated by and through social media

RESOURCES
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p082bvvy/player>

85. TEENAGE DICK - Mike Lew
(A SMASHED UP RETELLING OF RICHARD III)

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019, 2021
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 120 mins (Full text) 90 mins (Schools adaptation)
Cast: 4F, 2M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: A darkly comic, smashed-up retelling of Richard III, Shakespeare’s classic tale about the lust for power. Teenage Dick reimagines the most famous disabled character of all time as a high-school outsider in junior year: the deepest winter of his discontent.

RESOURCES
<https://www.createdrama.com/2019/12/09/teenage-dick-by-mike-lew-play-overview/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4WxTKBxfEU>

86. A HISTORY OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE EAST - Sabrina Mahfouz

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 65 mins
Cast: 2F, 2M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: A journey across 12 countries through British Imperialism

RESOURCES
<https://d19lfjg8hluhf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/18105713/AHOWITME-PACK.pdf>

87. CHEF - Sabrina Mahfouz

Published: 2015
Productions: 2014, 2015
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 1F

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Inspired by interviews with ex-inmates, follow a life and food journey that exposes how violence traps and passion can provide escape

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBdjL8sKyPI>

88. NOUGHTS AND CROSSES - Sabrina Mahfouz

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 4F, 4M

GCSE

Synopsis: Adaptation of Malorie Blackman’s exploration of a segregated society

RESOURCES
https://www.stratfordeast.com/media/66696/noughts-and-crosses-education-pack.pdf?_ga=2.125382925.681434020.1609713136-1982508103.1609713136

89. THE DJINNS OF EIDGAH - Abhishek Majumdar

Published: 2013
Productions: 2013, 2018
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 2F, 8M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Ashrafi and Bilal are orphaned siblings stranded and defined by the troubles in Kashmir. 18 year old Bilal is the pride of the region, part of a teenage football team set for great heights, and pushed to the limits by the violence around them. Haunted by hope, his sister is caught in the past, and Bilal is torn between escaping the myths of war and the cycles of resistance. Interweaving true stories and testimonies with Islamic storytelling, the play paints a magical portrait of a generation of radicalised kids, and a beautiful landscape lost to conflict.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2enlC4gdLAI>

90. PLAY MAS - Mustapha Matura

Published: 1974
Productions: 1974, 2015
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 5F, 9M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: 1950s Port of Spain. Samuel, a young tailor’s assistant, dreams of Trinidad’s independence. On the eve of carnival everyone fills the streets, dressed up to play mas. This annual celebration turns to tragedy and spurs Samuel on to make a decision that will change the political landscape of the future of this vibrant, volatile island.

RESOURCES
<https://theartsdesk.com/theatre/play-mas-orange-tree-theatre>
<https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/explore/playwrights/matura-mustapha>



Choir Boy (2012, 2013, 2014, 2018) Tarell Alvin McCraney
Image Credit: Simon Kane

Yvette (2018 - 2019) Urielle Klein Mekongo
Image Credit: Helen Murray

91. HALF BREED - Natasha Marshall

Published: 2017
Productions: 2017
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 60 mins
Cast: 1F

GCSE

Synopsis: Semi-autobiographical dark comedy about finding your voice.

RESOURCES

<https://www.newstatesman.com/culture/music-theatre/2018/04/natasha-marshall-half-breed-it-gets-difficult-reminding-people-you-re>

92. BLACKTA - Nathaniel Martello-White

Published: 2018
Productions: 2012
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 8M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A Meta-theatrical exploration of male identity in the African diaspora.

RESOURCES

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-20068465>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAeYvb1ECg8>

93. TORN - Nathaniel Martello-White

Published: 2016
Productions: 2016
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 100 mins
Cast: 5F, 3M,

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Generations of secrets have broken the Brook family. Siblings split-up, traded-off, treated differently. Angel, the youngest, has called a family meeting to sift through the wreckage. And she's not leaving until they've confronted the truth about how and why her family failed her.

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_c7DT3WMJM

94. CHOIR BOY - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2012
Productions: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018
Publisher: Faber and Faber
Length: 95 mins
Cast: 7M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Set in an American all black, all boys prep school. Determined to make his mark like those before him Pharus is hell bent on being the best choir leader in the school's 50 year history. But in a world built on rites and rituals, how will he conform to expectations and gain the respect he desperately needs?

RESOURCES

<https://choirboybroadway.com/>

95. IN THE RED AND BROWN WATER - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2008
Productions: 2008
Publisher: Faber and Faber
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 6F, 6M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Can a girl hold onto her dream when her family responsibilities expose her to other paths?

RESOURCES

<https://www.youngvic.org/blog/tbt-tarell-alvin-mccraney-the-young-vic>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCZBaBpbIYo> - staging

96. THE BROTHERS SIZE - Tarell Alvin McCraney

Published: 2007

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 3M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: An exploration of the bond between brothers, reunited through Yoruba mythology and music.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9L87ipehT6A>

97. YVETTE - Urielle Klein Mekongo

Published: 2018

Productions: 2018 - 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 1F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: In a performance that is equal parts hilarious and powerfully moving, the award-winning Urielle Klein-Mekongo mixes spoken-word, garage remixes and vibrant original songs to tell the story of a young girl navigating her teens.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zO88DikN120>

<https://shoreditchtownhall.com/arts/qa-yvettes-urielle-klein-mekongo.html>

98. I SEE YOU - Mongiwekhaya

Published: 2016

Productions: 2016

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 3F, 5M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Post-Apartheid South Africa, after dark. Ben meets Skinn for a night out. But the party is interrupted by the police. Ben, a young student who doesn't know his own history, is accused of a crime he didn't commit. And Officer Buthelezi, a former freedom fighter, can't let it go.

RESOURCES

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/mongiwekhaya-interview-i-see-you-royal-court_39860.html <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MW4lYdNfds>

99. ZHE: (NOUN) UNDEFINED - Chuck Mike, Antonia Kemi Coker and Tonderai Munyevu

Published: 2013

Productions: 2013

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1F, 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: The unfolding of two stories exploring the intersection of culture, migration, gender and sexuality for two British Africans.

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttJZwl4T_Z4

100. HEROINE - Nessah Muthy

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 5F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Former soldier Grace joins a community group on her return to the UK. As the group starts taking action Grace is forced to question her beliefs and finds herself back on the front line, but who is she fighting?

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlcWDck3nJg>

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RadioCardiff/stage2/>

101. LIBERIAN GIRL - Diana Nneka Atuona

Published: 2015

Productions: 2015

Publisher: Methuen

Length: 95 mins

Cast: 5M, 4F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Set during the early years of the first Liberian Civil War telling the story of 14 year old Martha who flees her village as the army invades. After becoming seperated from her grandmother, Martha finds herself forced to join the rebels' unit.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2PrmpOgqOc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSNMFVxVtUw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lyB3nWuPzw>

102. SWEAT - Lynn Nottage

Published: 2018

Productions: 2015, 2018, 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 150 mins

Cast: 3F, 6M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: In one of the poorest cities in America – Reading, Pennsylvania – a group of factory workers struggle to keep their present lives in balance, ignorant of the financial devastation looming in their near future

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUjGbzmVqOs&ab_channel=DonmarWarehouse

103. PASS OVER - Antoinette Nwandu

Published: 2017

Productions: 2017, 2020

Publisher: Black Cat

Length: 75 mins

Cast: 3M,

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Moses and Kitch stand around on the corner--talking, passing the time, and hoping that maybe today will be different. As they dream of their promised land, a stranger wanders into their space with his own agenda and derails their plans.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n-TE43BJYl&feature=youtu.be>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XW_FHrzzq_c

<https://www.standard.co.uk/culture/theatre/paapa-essiedu-interview-pass-over-killn-theatre-a4360001.html>

104. THE PRINCESS AND THE HUSTLER - Chinonyerem Odimba

Published: 2019

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Length: 120 mins

Cast: 5F, 2M

GCSE

Synopsis: 10 year old Princess wants to win the Western-Super-Mare Beauty contest. But Princess will find out what it means to be black and beautiful in 1963.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS2WgUZ7uls&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhnkdvoWx2s>

105. THE SWEETNESS OF A STING - Chinonyerem Odimba

Published: 2017

Productions: 2018

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 60 mins

Cast: 6F, 3M + 23 either

KS3 / GCSE

Synopsis: Inspired by West African Fables – Badger's parents want to move back to their home country. Badger doesn't want to leave his friends and live in a strange place, so he attempts to run away.

RESOURCES

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/file/connections-playwrights-2018-chinonyerem-odimba>

106. THE GIFT - Janice Okoh

Published: 2020 **GCSE**
Productions: 2020
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 7F, 2M

Synopsis: A day in the life of Sarah, a young black girl adopted by Queen Victoria. And present day Sarah, a middle-class black British woman. Both Sarah’s take tea with the Queen.

RESOURCES
<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-rqhqi-cf4c9e>
<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-3tpyp-cba9e4>
https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-99w5y-e35ca46?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share

107. THREE BIRDS - Janice Okoh

Published: 2013 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2013
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 3F, 2M

Synopsis: Siblings Tiana, Tionne and Tanika have found themselves home alone. Tiana’s keeping it all together by taking charge of housework and homework. But Tionne’s experiments are getting stranger and Tanika’s starting to act up. As the outside world begins to press in, the three will do anything to keep their secret safe from the adults who come to call.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlyYBZmWQ5Q>
<https://nickhernbooksblog.com/2013/02/25/janice-okoh-three-birds-in-rehearsal-the-evolution-of-a-bruntwood-prize-winner/>

108. FATHER COMES HOME FROM THE WARS (PARTS 1,2 & 3) - Suzan Lori - Parks

Published: 2014 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2014, 2016
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 180 mins
Cast: 11M 3F

Synopsis: West Texas, 1862. Hero, a slave, is promised his freedom if he joins his master in the ranks of the Confederacy against the Union. In a nation at war with itself, he must work against those striving to abolish slavery. The family he leaves behind debates whether to escape or await his return.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0I5EyzScHc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6Q3NC50a8U>
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/sep/21/suzan-lori-parks-interview-royal-court-father-comes-home-from-the-wars-obama>

109. TOPDOG/UNDERDOG - Suzan Lori - Parks

Published: 2001 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 2M

Synopsis: Tells the story of two brothers, Lincoln and Booth. Their names, given to them as a joke, foretell a lifetime of sibling rivalry and resentment. Haunted by the past and their obsession with the street con Three Card Monte, the brothers are forced to confront the shattering reality of their future.

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfXsYHDIYFM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLrDn2NdLe4> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsH5BHBzy0M>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7BI3rTrG1E>

110. AN ADVENTURE - Vinay Patel

Published: 2018 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 150 mins
Cast: 3F, 3M

Synopsis: An Adventure follows headstrong Jyoti and her fumbling suitor Rasik as they ride the crest of the fall of the Empire from the shores of post-Partition India to the forests of Mau Mau Kenya onto the industrial upheaval of 1970s London and the present day.

RESOURCES
<https://www.bushtheatre.co.uk/bushgreen/meet-the-cast-an-adventure-by-vinay-patel/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_7sjMRXeYI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nkvgx2Nufg>



Liberian Girl (2015) Diana Nneka Atuona
Image Credit: Johan Persson



The Great Wave (2018) Francis Turnly
Image Credit: Mark Doue

111. LEAVE TAKING - Winsome Pinnock

Published: 1988
Productions: 1994 & 2018
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 4F, 1M

GCSE

Synopsis: Explores the relationship between and identities of two distinct generations. Jamaican born parents and first-generation English children facing the same and very different obstacles to belonging.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XK72Ta7OQU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8BTg1vaXal>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxfWSUMvSG4>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jfvf_QIEMn0

112. MULES - Winsome Pinnock

Published: 1996
Productions: 1996
Publisher: Faber & Faber
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 2F, 1M,

A LEVEL

Synopsis: In a luxury hotel room, three young women are panicking. They are high-class “mules” (or drugs couriers) and one of their colleagues has absconded with the stash. If they don’t make good on a delivery in Amsterdam that day then they’re done for.

RESOURCES

<https://www.blackplaysarchive.org.uk/explore/productions/mules>
<https://royalcourttheatre.com/podcast/s4-ep5-winsome-pinnock-talks-to-simon-stephens/>

113. ROCKETS AND BLUE LIGHTS - Winsome Pinnock

Published: 2018, 2020
Productions: 2020, 2021
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 140 mins
Cast: 8F, 14M doubling used

GCSE

Synopsis: Set in the present and the past - An actor faces Britain’s history of slavery, while in Victorian Britain a ship carries a black sailor on his final journey and J.M.W. Turner through memory to inspiration.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8BTg1vaXal>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k1kj>
<https://www.royalexchange.co.uk/1571-rockets-and-blue-lights-programme/file>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIGABm9crzk&t=1s>

114. ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI - Kemp Powers

Published: 2013
Productions: 2016
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 6M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: While the Civil Rights movement stirs outside, four American icons (Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown) meet in a hotel

RESOURCES

<http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/kwame-kwei-armah-talks-one-night-miami-2/>

115. THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR - Iman Qureshi

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018, 2019
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 2F, 2M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Life as the director of a Muslim funeral parlour isn’t always easy, but Ayesha has things pretty sorted. She and Zeyd share everything: a marriage, a business, a future. Until Tom walks in to organise his boyfriend’s funeral. A snap moral decision, informed by the values of Ayesha’s community and faith, has profound consequences. Forced to confront a secret she has hidden even from herself, Ayesha must decide who she is – no matter the cost.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeF7VNvPJcQ>
<https://www.theatrefullstop.com/2018/10/31/papatango-prize-winner-iman-qureshi-talks-about-the-premiere-of-the-funeral-director-to-show-at-southwark-playhouse/>

116. DIARY OF A HOUNSLOW GIRL - Ambreen Razia

Published: 2016
Productions: 2015, 2016
Publisher: Aurora Metro Books
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 1F

GCSE

Synopsis: The story of a modern Asian young woman trying to straddle Western attitudes and traditional beliefs.

RESOURCES

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/oct/08/ambreen-razia-diary-of-a-hounslow-girl>

117. FALL OF THE KINGDOM RISE OF THE FOOT SOLDIER - Somalia Seaton

Published: 2016
Productions: 2016
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 2F, 3M, 3 F or M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: A racially-motivated attack on a student forces her teacher to confront the uncomfortable truth lurking beneath the community.

RESOURCES

<http://www.afridiziak.com/interviews/somalia-seaton/>

118. BIG GUNS - Nina Segal

Published: 2017
Productions: 2017
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 2

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A two hander about fear, violence and the internet in which multiple narratives are summoned to combat the threat of an invisible gunman.

RESOURCES

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/rising-star-nina-segal-big-guns_43158.html

119. IN THE NIGHT TIME (BEFORE THE SUN RISES) - Nina Segal

Published: 2016
Productions: 2016
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 50 mins
Cast: 1F, 1M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: Two parents being kept awake at night by their baby tell stories about the darkness of the world outside

RESOURCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieQt_YFsqli4
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/feb/09/in-the-night-time-before-the-sun-rises-review-terrors-parenthood-nina-segal>

120. FOR COLOURED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE / WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENOUGH - ntozake shange

Published: 1974
Productions: 1974 - 1977, 2019
Publisher: SCRIBNER
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 7F

A LEVEL

Synopsis: A series of 20 separate poems choreographed to music that weave interconnected stories of love, empowerment, struggle and loss into a complex representation of sisterhood. The cast consists of seven nameless African-American women only identified by the colors they are assigned. They are the lady in red, lady in orange, lady in yellow, lady in green, lady in blue, lady in brown, and lady in purple. Subjects from rape, abandonment, abortion and domestic violence are tackled.

RESOURCES

<http://www.bookrags.com/lessonplan/coloredgirlssuicide/#gsc.tab=0>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSUCLS_9INY
<https://www.scribd.com/book/385752594/A-Study-Guide-for-Ntozake-Shange-s-for-colored-girls-who-have-considered-suicide-when-the-rainbow-is-enuf>



Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (2016) August Wilson
Image Credit: Johan Persson



Teenage Dick (2019) Mike Lew
Image Credit: Marc Brenner



The Arrival (2019 - 2020) Bijan Sheibani
Image Credit: Marc Brenner

121. THE ARRIVAL - Bijan Sheibani

Published: 2020

GCSE / A LEVEL

Productions: 2019 - 2020

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 70 mins

Cast: 2M

Synopsis: Two brothers, one adopted and the other brought up by their genetic parents, test the notions of family bonds and identity

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49FEQrbBbEw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSOB6r6r_lo

122. FAIRVIEW - Jackie Sibblies Drury

Published: 2018

A LEVEL

Productions: 2019

Publisher: Oberon

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 5F, 3M

Synopsis: It's Grandma's birthday and the Frasier family have gathered to celebrate. Beverly just wants everything to run smoothly, but Tyrone has missed his flight, Keisha is freaking out about college and Grandma has locked herself in the bathroom.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youngvic.org/index.php/taking-part/inside-guides/inside-fairview>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4EZT3rB1tY>

123. WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT... - Jackie Sibblies Drury

Published: 2012

A LEVEL

Productions: 2012

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Length: 100 mins

Cast: 2F, 4M,

Synopsis: A group of actors gather to tell the little-known story of the first genocide of the 20th Century. As the full force of a horrific past crashes into the good intentions of the present, what seemed a far away place and time is suddenly all too close to home.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3efeYvclA0&list=UUKfFf3JpR5ZdqvcKlcGyKAw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psqmqqvlCS8>

124. GHETTO - Joshua Sobol

Published: 1984

A LEVEL

Productions: 1989, 2019

Publisher: Nick Hern

Length: 80 mins

Cast: 11F, 25M

Synopsis: Based on diaries from the holocaust and set in a Jewish Ghetto in Lithuania.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K97yKPhy3Ow>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEC5M0cLYQw&feature=youtu.be>

125. AND BREATHE... - Yomi Sode

Published: 2022

A LEVEL

Productions: 2021

Publisher: Penguin Books (as part of Poetry Collection MANORISM)

Length: 90 mins

Cast: 1M

Synopsis: Centring on the loss of a beloved matriarch, and breathe... explores family relationships, bonding and culture. This deeply personal and poetic play tackles the unspoken, between what we leave unsaid to protect each other and how we internalise the world.

RESOURCES

<https://almeida.co.uk/and-breathe-an-introduction-by-yomi-sode>

<https://almeida.co.uk/yomi-ode-on-writing-and-breathe>

<https://almeida.co.uk/inside-rehearsals-and-breathe>

126. DEATH AND THE KING’S HORSEMAN - Wole Soyinka

Published: 1975
Productions: 1975, 1976, 1987, 1990, 2008, 2009
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 8M, 2F and non gender specific ensemble

Synopsis: Elesin Oba, the Kings Horseman, has a single destiny. When the king dies, he must commit ritual suicide and lead his King’s favourite horse and dog through the transitional gulf, the passage between the world of the living and that of the ancestors, to ensure continued harmony between the worlds. A British Colonial Officer, Pilkings, intervenes and disrupts this traditional ritual.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZXo3StCwMc&ab_channel=ChannelsTelevision
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISXg6Pml-wQ&ab_channel=Critic.Reading.
WritingwithAtoQUAYSON

127. FIREWORKS - Dalia Taha

Published: 2015
Productions: 2015
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 3F, 3M

Synopsis: In a Palestinian town, eleven year-old Lubna and twelve year-old Khalil are playing on the empty stairwell in their apartment block. As the siege intensifies outside, fear for their safety becomes as crippling as the conflict itself.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4oYl0RrIBA
https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2015/feb/22/dalia-taha-fireworks-interview
http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/richard-twyman-dalia-tahas-fireworks/

128. BLACK MEN WALKING - Testament

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018, 2019
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 1F, 3M

Synopsis: Thomas, Matthew and Richard walk. They walk the first Saturday of every month. Walking and talking. But this walk...maybe they should have cancelled, but they needed the walk today. Out in the Peaks, they find themselves forced to walk backwards through two thousand years before they can move forwards.

RESOURCES
https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/jan/23/black-men-walking-royal-exchange-manchester-testament
https://medium.com/@hlmmarks1/interview-with-playwright-and-beatboxer-testament-on-black-men-walking-the-craft-of-playwriting-5a7c6bfa8a1a

129. ORPHEUS IN THE RECORD SHOP - Testament

Published: 2021
Productions: 2021
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 40 mins
Cast: 4F, 3M, 2 Gender non-specific

Synopsis: Sorpheus is the owner of a struggling independent record shop in Leeds, fighting to keep his shop afloat. Peppered with music and mythology, the play follows Orpheus through a journey of self-discovery as he realises the value of letting go, looking forward and finding the joy in music.

RESOURCES
https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000vbtx/lights-up-orpheus-in-the-record-shop
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1pexOLdl1k

130. ANDRIA: THE GIRL FROM ANDROS - Terence

Published: 166 BC
Productions: 166 BC
Publisher: Penguin and Oxford World Classics
Length: 30 mins
Cast: 3F, 9M + ensemble

Synopsis: Roman Comedy – a son does not want to marry the bride chosen for him by his father. The woman he wishes to marry is pregnant with his child. The son enlists their servants help to outwit the father.

RESOURCES
https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/terence-andria-9781350020627

131. SALT - Selina Thompson

Published: 2018
Productions: 2016, 2017, 2018
Publisher: Faber and Faber
Length: 85 mins
Cast:

Synopsis: The show retraces the transatlantic human trafficking of slaves and how easily the UK’s colonial history was ignored and forgotten.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExQtx4d_J0U

132. BORN BAD - debbie tucker green

Published: 2003
Productions: 2003, 2011
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 55 mins
Cast: 4F, 2M

Synopsis: A blood-related black family. A Dad, a Mum, a Daughter, two Sisters, a Brother. A family argument. A skeleton in the closet.

RESOURCES
https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2005/mar/30/theatre

133. EAR FOR EYE - debbie tucker green

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 130 mins
Cast: 8M, 8F

Synopsis: Snapshots of lives, snapshots of experiences of protest; violence vs non-violence, direct action vs demonstrations, ear for eye follows characters navigating their way through society today.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs3dDWceCpg
https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/oct/28/meet-the-cast-of-debbie-tucker-greens-ear-for-eye-whats-on-stage-needs-to-reflect-life

134. GENERATIONS - debbie tucker green

Published: 2005
Productions: 2005, 2007, 2014, 2018
Publisher: Nick Hern Books
Length: 30 mins
Cast: 4F, 3M

Synopsis: Three generations of a black South African family, contest their relative culinary skills. But food isn’t the only topic and the family numbers are declining.

RESOURCES
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqHhb3-3Vzs&feature=youtu.be

135. HANG - debbie tucker green

Published: 2015
Productions: 2015
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 2F, 1M,

Synopsis: Three has suffered a serious crime against her and her family. She has the unspeakable decision to make about how the criminal is killed.

RESOURCES
https://theatreweekly.com/interview-marianne-oldham-on-hang-at-sheffield-crucible/

136. RANDOM - debbie tucker green

Published: 2008
Productions: 2008
Publisher: Nick Hern
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 1F

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: A sister plays out the day her brother dies through her family's eyes

RESOURCES

<https://d19lfjg8hluhf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Random-Resource-Pack.pdf>
<http://www.synergytheatreproject.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Random-workpack.pdf>
<http://www.theatrevoice.com/audio/director-sacha-ware-on-random/>

137. THE GREAT WAVE - Francis Turnly

Published: 2018
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 150 mins
Cast: 5F, 7M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Identity and national relationships are explored through the plot of a missing daughter

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vgj-kJWzF6E>
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/mar/14/north-korea-great-wave-francis-turnly>

138. THE USUAL AUNTIES - Paven Virk

Published: 2011
Productions: 2011
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 160 mins
Cast: 4F, 2M

GCSE / A LEVEL

Synopsis: Three elderly South Asian aunties live together in a women's refuge. Nearby, a new Indian bride has arrived in the country only to find herself in a place she is utterly unprepared for.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONW6C5vZR-E>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQCB2peF58c>
<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/whats-on/theatre-news/coventry-writers-play-inspired-mum-3046754>

139. THE CANARY AND THE CROW - Daniel Ward

Published: 2019
Productions: 2019, 2020
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 70 mins
Cast: 1F, 3M

GCSE

Synopsis: With the opportunity to go to a 'better' school comes the struggle of staying connected to your home and fitting in.

RESOURCES

<https://www.middlechildtheatre.co.uk/the-canary-and-the-crow/>

140. THE HIGH TABLE - Temi Wilkey

Published: 2020
Productions: 2020
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 120 mins
Cast: 5F, 3M

A LEVEL

Synopsis: When Tara's parents refuse to accept and attend her marriage to Leah, the family's ancestors are called together to keep the family together.

RESOURCES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0A3FTQZS7Y>
<http://exeuntmagazine.com/features/temi-wilkey/>
<https://network.bfi.org.uk/news-and-features/industry-insights/temi-wilkey-'my-impulse-write-things-show-people-are-warts-and>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JsAn_HDVtE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3ial_Ne2ng

Salt (2016, 2017, 2018) Selina Thompson
Image Credit: Johan Persson



The High Table (2020) Temi Wilkey
Image Credit: Helen Murray

141. DEATH OF ENGLAND - Roy Williams & Clint Dyer

Published: 2020 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2020
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 110 mins
Cast: 1M

Synopsis: A family in mourning. A man in crisis. After the death of his dad, Micheal is powerless and angry. In a state of heartbreak, he confronts the difficult truths about his father’s legacy and the country that shaped him.

RESOURCES
<https://youtu.be/pUTw3exEltU>
https://youtu.be/EU_0lISnFZI
<https://youtu.be/DbssmpQ2fg9Y>

142. DEATH OF ENGLAND: DELROY - Roy Williams & Clint Dyer

Published: 2020 **GCSE / A LEVEL**
Productions: 2020, 2021
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 1M

Synopsis: Written in response to This is England by Roy Williams and Clint Dyer. Set in 2020, Delroy is arrested on his way to the hospital. Filled with anger and grief, he recalls the moments and relationships which gave him hope before his life was irrevocably changed.

RESOURCES
<https://youtu.be/jhIFndYCMG4>

143. ANTIGONE - Roy Williams (ADAPTATION)

Published: 2014 **GCSE**
Productions: 2014, 2015
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 95 mins
Cast: 3F, 6M

Synopsis: Contemporary gangland London – politics and family loyalty are pushed to their limits”New Orleans, 1836. Following an era of French colonial rule and relative racial acceptance, Beatrice, a free Black Woman, has become one of the wealthiest women through her relationship with a rich white man. When her lover mysteriously dies, Beatrice imposes a 6 month period of mourning on her and her three daughters. As the summer heat intensifies, the foundations of freedom she has built for herself and their three unwed daughters begin to crumble.Society is changing, racial divides are growing and, as the members of the household turn on each other in their fight for survival, it could cost them everything.”

RESOURCES
<https://www.pilot-theatre.com/media/files/2015%20ER%20Antigone%20Pilot%20Education%20Pack%20Sept%2014%20final.pdf>
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2014/sep/19/roy-williams-antigone-pilot-theatre>

144. SUCKER PUNCH - Roy Williams

Published: 2010 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2010
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 6M, 1F

Synopsis: Two former friends step into the ring and face up to who they are. Sucker Punch looks back to the 1980s and asks if the right battles have been fought, let alone won.

RESOURCES
<https://royalcourttheatre.com/roy-williams-why-i-wrote-sucker-punch/>
<https://d19lfjg8hluhf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/25191802/Suckerpunch-Resource-Pack.pdf>

145. SHEDDING A SKIN - Amanda Wilkins

Published: 2021 **GCSE**
Productions: 2021
Publisher: Faber and Faber
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 1F

Synopsis: Myah is called into the office to be part of a ‘diversity’ photo for her workplace, after confronting the racism, destroying the office, and getting fired - she moves in with an older woman and learns about connection and all of the other things our elders can teach us.

RESOURCES
<https://thebritishblacklist.co.uk/tbb-talks-to-amanda-wilkin-writer-and-star-of-new-play-shedding-a-skin/>
<https://alt-africa.com/2021/06/08/soho-theatre-interview-with-amanda-wilkin-star-and-writer-of-shedding-a-skin/>

146. MA RAINEY’S BLACK BOTTOM - August Wilson

Published: 1982 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 2016
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 135 mins
Cast: 2F, 8M

Synopsis: Set in a Chicago Studio, as the temperature rises so too do the tempers. This electric play exposes the exploitation and celebrates the skill of Black artists.

RESOURCES
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/blog/who-was-ma-rainey>

147. SEVEN GUITARS - August Wilson

Published: 1995 **A LEVEL**
Productions: 1995, 1996
Publisher: Samuel French
Length: 160 mins
Cast: 3F, 4M

Synopsis: Friends gather to remember their dead friend. Their memories expose the barriers to income and equality in 1940s for African Americans

RESOURCES
https://issuu.com/thomdunn/docs/materials--htc_curriculum_guide_5__

148. FORGOTTEN - Daniel York Loh

Published: 2018 **GCSE**
Productions: 2018
Publisher: Oberon
Length: 100 mins
Cast: 1F, 7M

Synopsis: 1917 in a northern Chinese province villagers struggle to feed their children, with addiction and with the fall of the Imperial Dynasty. Will the war far away in Europe provide salvation?

RESOURCES
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPWvkh6CUDo>
<https://www.theatrefullstop.com/2018/10/06/playwright-daniel-york-talks-about-his-latest-production-forgotten-to-play-at-theatre-royal-plymouth-and-the-arcola-theatre/>

149. REFUGEE BOY - Benjamin Zephaniah (Lemn Sissay Adpt.)

Published: 2013 **GCSE**
Productions: 2014, 2017
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Length: 80 mins
Cast: 2F, 8M

Synopsis: An exploration of identity and acceptance through a story of migration

RESOURCES
<https://leedsplayhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Refugee-Boy.pdf> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoZxGkrX6g0>

150. I AM YUSUF AND THIS IS MY BROTHER - Amir Nizar Zuabi

Published: 2010 **GCSE**
Productions: 2009, 2010
Publisher: Methuen
Length: 90 mins
Cast: 4F, 8M + ensemble

Synopsis: A poetic exploration of the different forms of love; can love for family survive and love for your homeland sustain during times of conflict

RESOURCES
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2010/jan/10/amir-nizar-zuabi-interview>

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