## Othello ... just because?





























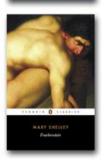








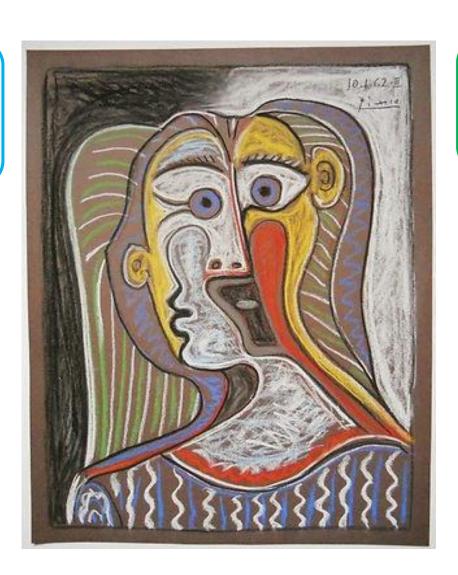




### **Students**

### **Teachers**

Why do I have to read a novel in English?



What am I supposed to teach?

How am I supposed to teach?

#### A selection of categorisations of FL literature teaching approaches.

Littlewood (1986) 1st level: language as a system of structures

2nd level: language as a specific stylistic variety

3rd level: language as the expression of superficial subject matter 4th level: language as the symbolisation of the author's vision

5th level: literary work as part of literary history or of the author's biography

Sage (1987) The educational value

The linguistic importance

The cultural value

Carter and Long (1991) The Language Model

The Cultural Model

The Personal Growth Model

Lazar (1993) A language-based approach

Literature as content

Literature for personal enrichment

Parkinson and Reid Thomas (2000) 1st reason: cultural enrichment

2nd reason: rhetoric

4th reason: language difficulty

5th reason: authenticity and genuine sample: 6th reason: literary language is memorable 7th: assimilation of language rhythm 8th reason: non-trivial motivator

Maley and Duff (2007) Linguistic factors

Cultural factors

Personal growth factors

Van (2009) Approach 1: New Criticism

Approach 2: Structuralism Approach 3: Stylist

Approach 4: Reader Response Approach 5: Language-Based Approach 6: Critical Literacy

Divsar and Tahriri (2009) Language-based

Literature as content or culture

Literature as personal growth or enrichment

Nance (2010) Cross-cultural understanding and ethical engagement

Critical thinking Intellectual exploration Unique language benefits

Barrett, Paesani, and Vinall (2010) Literary analysis

Stylistics Culture



FL Literature education				
The study of literature Focus: the literary text		The use of literature as a resource Focus: the student		
Text Approach	Context Approach	Reader Approach	Language Approach	

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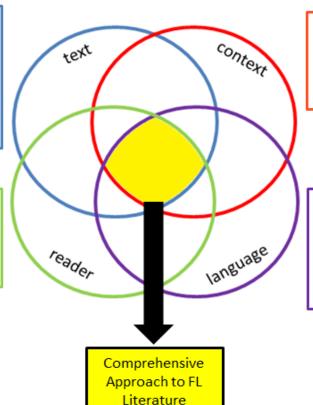
## **Comprehensive Approach to FL Literature**

#### Text approach:

- Literary terminology
- Genre
- Setting
- Story, plot & theme
- Characters

#### Reader approach:

- Reading experience
- Literary taste
- Personal development



#### Context approach:

- Biographical information
- Historical, cultural, social context
- Literary history

#### Language approach:

- Grammar & syntax
- Vocabulary & idioms
- Language skills
- Language development & variety

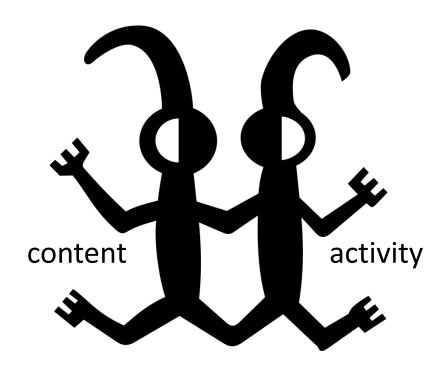
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- 8 teachers
- 2 years
- 16 classes
- 446 students
- 273 EFL lit. lessons

Unit One -short story terror	Unit Two - mythological heroes	Unit Three – unrequited sonnets
Bradbury, Conan Doyle, M.R. James, Poe (1-2) Roald <u>Dahl short stories</u> (3-4)	Homer The Odyssey (1-2) The Art of Rhetoric Beowulf, Gawain, Ovid, Arthur, Prometheus (3-4)	Shakespeare's sonnets (1-5) from: Petrarch, Sidney, Milton, Wordsworth, Barrett Browning, Rossetti, Owen, Duffy
Nouns adject iterary terminologys, full stops, capitals, question/exclamation/speech marks; listing dommas simple and compound; agreement Re-creative setting	His Dark Materials trilogy (1-2) The Hunger Gard Pronounce objects; complements, pourhand verb phrases; (Applex sentences, postructes comparative and superlatives Clase analysis of range of passages (reading)	Biographical information  Historical, cultural, social context  Literary history
Analysis of reStory, plot & theme;) Extended precharacters Multiple choice (knowledge & understanding)	Imaginative weting piece (writing) Group debate speaking) Multiple choice (knowledge & understanding)	Comparison of sonnets (reading)  Dramatic reading (speaking); use iPad app  End of year examination
Unit Four – Elizabethan drama  Marlowe Doctor Faustus (1) Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet (2-4) The OuReader approach is and Crosses (3-4)	Black Songs of incocence and Experience (1-1)  Romanic paintings Blake's mates  Lord of the Flies (1-2) Marcycling (3-4)	Bronte Jane Eyre (1) Dickens Great Expectations (2-4) anguage approach: Sea (1) Oliver Twist (2-4)
Parent esis Reading experience for emphasis, auxiliary verbLiterary tasterkers	Finite and non-inite verbs; non-finite clauses;	TGrammar & syntax e verbs, sentence
Essay or keyPersonal development  Dramatic monologue enactment (speaking)  Multiple choice (knowledge & understanding)	Journalism (s, social inequality (wants)  Essay comparing cluster of poems (reading)  Small group discussion (speaking)	Changuage skillson (writing) Elanguage development & variety
End of year examinations  Unit Seven - First World War horror  R.C. Sheriff Journey's End (1-5)  Brooke, Owen, Sassoon, Testament of Youth	Multiple choice (knowledge & understanding)  Unit Eight - Twen (1-5)  Orwell Anima Farm (1-5)  Orwell 'LanguagComprehensive	Multiple choice (knowledge & understanding)  Unit Nine – modern multicultural Britain  Selvon The Lonely Londoners (1-2)  Smith White Teeth (3-4) Kwesi Johnson poems
Regeneration (1-2) War Horse (3-4) Transformational writing (writing) Comparison of early and later poems (reading)	Handmaid's Tapproachtowill Let Me Go (3-4) Opening to destopitificatereviting) Essay on the me (reading)	Buddha of Suburbia (1-2) East is East (3-4 Opening to dystopian novel (writing) Essay on theme (reading)
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Literature inclusion in FL education is symptomatic of a lack of thoughtful focus and clearly directed goals.



Wiggins, G. P., & McTighe, J. (2005). *Understanding by design*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

## Curricular heritage



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"We were always occupied with implementation and I wonder why, because afterwards I think Wuthering Heights in V4 was a very impulsive choice. I think that if we had really given it some thought and considered the rest of our curriculum, we would never have made this choice."

## Tom Stoppard "Arcadia"



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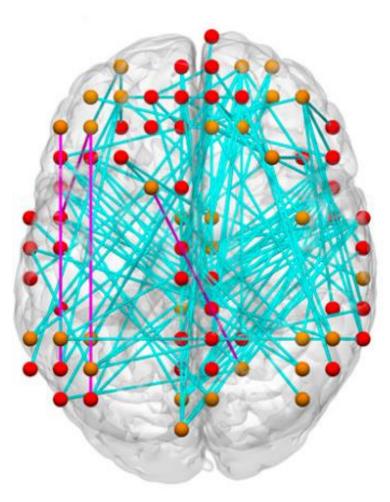
Speer, N. K., Reynolds, J. R., Swallow, K. M., & Zacks, J. M. (2009). Reading stories activates neural representations of visual and motor experiences. *Psychological Science*, *20*, 8, 989-99

The regions of the brain that process the sights, sounds, tastes, and movement of real life are activated when we're engrossed in a compelling narrative.

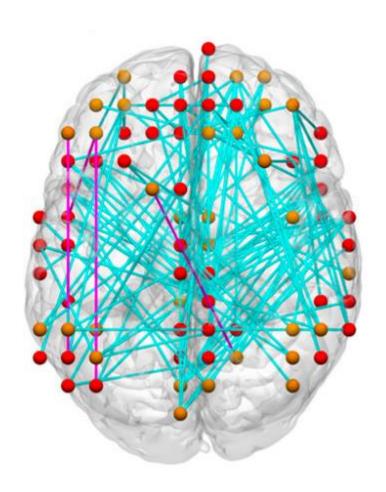
Restak, R. (2006). *The naked brain: How the emerging neurosociety is changing how we live, work and love*. New York: Three Rivers Press, 24.

Within the brain, things are always evaluated within a specific context. It is the context that bestows meaning, and it is meaning that our brain is wired to sniff out.

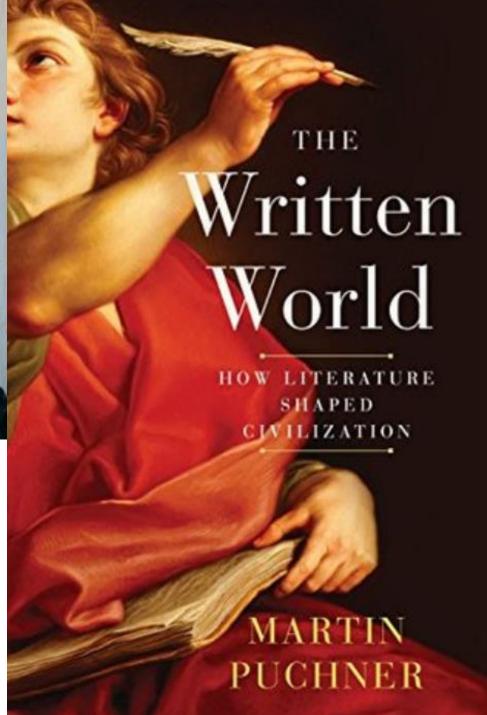




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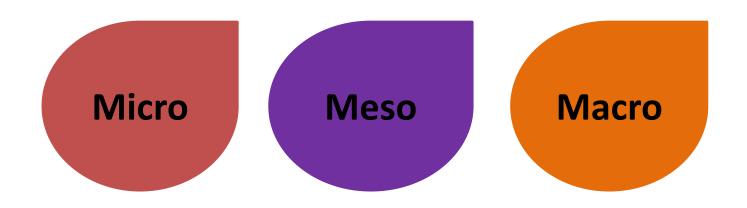


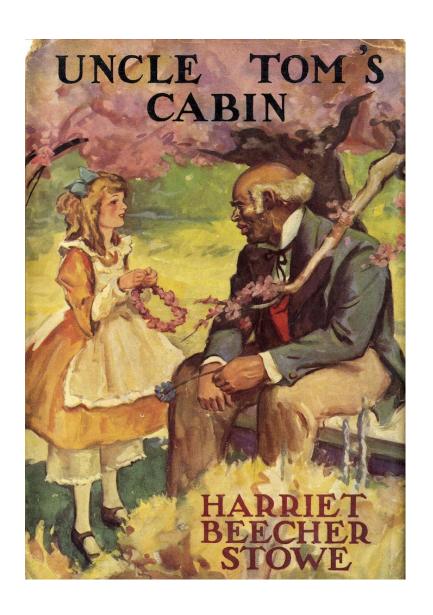
"Mr Puchner shows an admirable breadth of interests ... but he never offers a unifying theme. "The Written World" works better as a series of interesting, if loosely connected, vignettes than as a revelation of literature's uniquely transformative role."

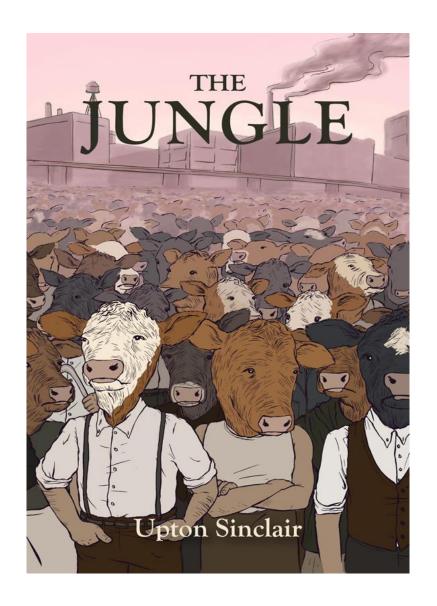


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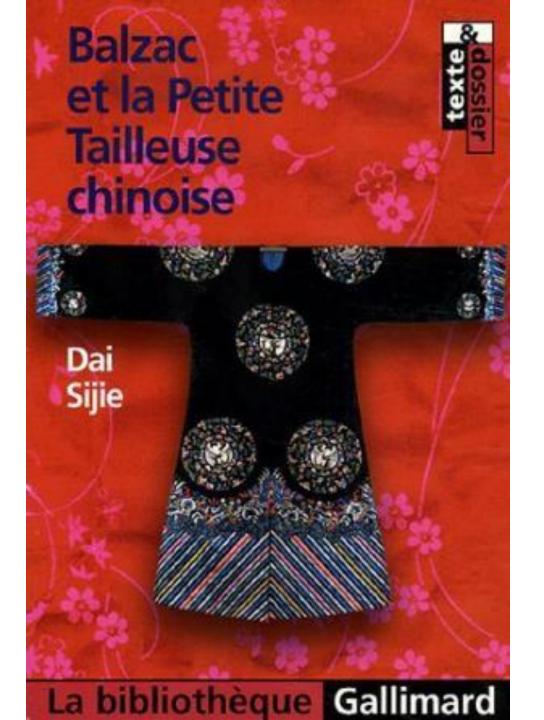




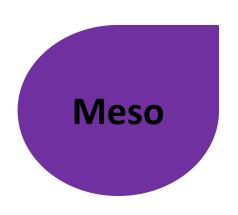


# How can literary works influence the course of history?

Study how Harriet Beecher Stowe and Upton Sinclair brought a social dilemma to the attention of the general public. What current social dilemma do you think should be brought to the public's attention and how would you shape it so that it could change the course of history?



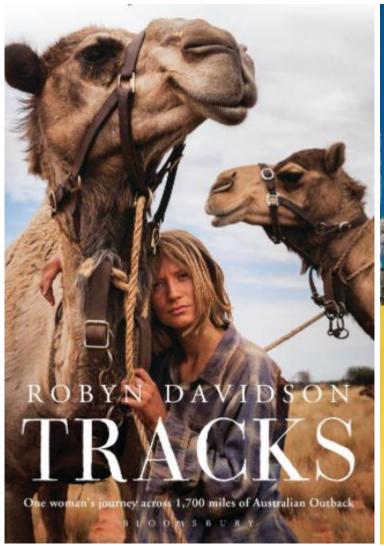
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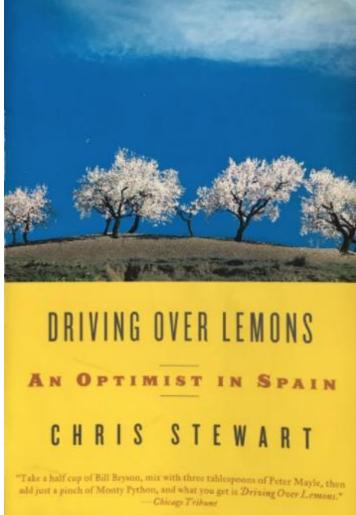




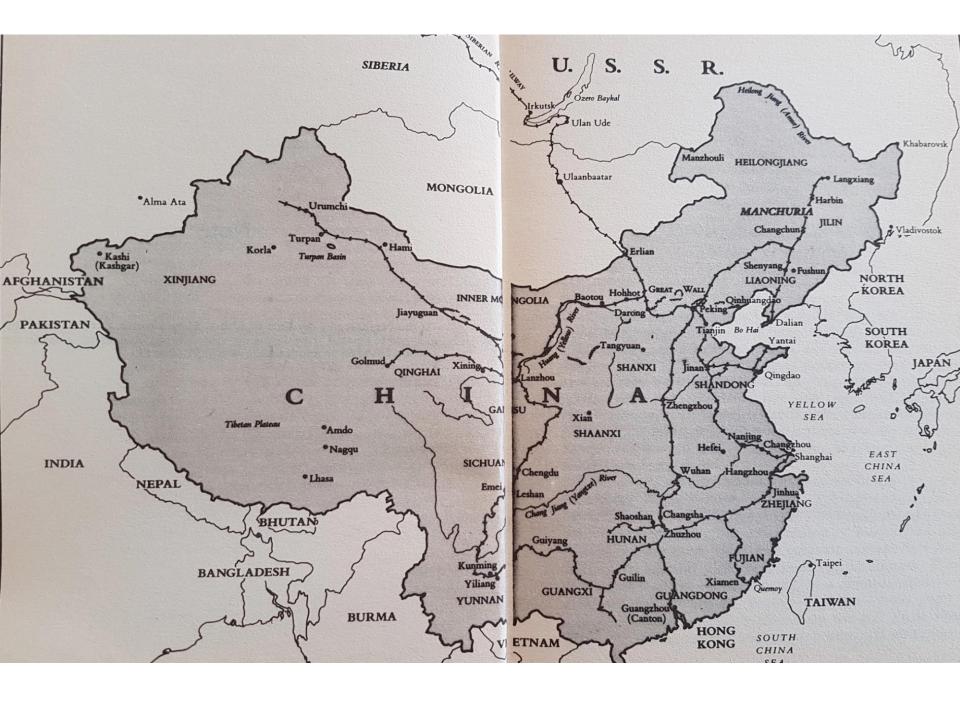
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Compare yourself with the teenage boys in Balzac's novel. How are you all products from the culture in which you grew up? How are you equal in that and how do you differ from each other?





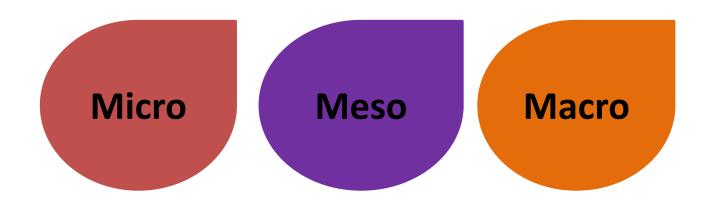
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'This novel made me laugh... Absurd, comical, audacious and precise... Overwhelming'

Hiromi Kawakami, author of Strange Weather in Tokyo

"Writing is so ingrained in human consciousness and so intertwined with people's imaginative lives that any attempt to single out its impact on the course of history is bound either to end in bland generalities or to be marked by arbitrary selectivity."



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