Read Out

Text Guidance Year 9

**Murder on the Orient Express**

While the train is stopped in a Balkan snowdrift, Poirot must solve the problem of the dead American. ATOS 6.2

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/orientexpress/>

**The Woman in Black**

When a young solicitor is sent to attend to the paperwork of the late Alice Drablow, he finds himself in a spooky old house at the end of a causeway. Who is the mysterious woman in black he keeps seeing and what is her terrible secret? A classic.

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-black>

**The Pearl**

A story of classic simplicity, based on a Mexican folk tale, *The Pearl* explores the secrets of man’s nature, greed, the darkest depths of evil, and the luminous possibilities of love.  ATOS 7.1

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-pearl>

**White Fang**

Jack London's classic tale of a dog growing up, fighting for survival and his relationship with human beings set in the harsh landscape of north-west Canada. ATOS 7.4

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/white-fang>

**Fahrenheit 451**

In this futuristic novel, the main character struggles with excessive controls on individual liberty, especially the banning and burning of books. ATOS 5.2

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/fahrenheit-451>

You can read the full text here: <https://archive.org/details/Fahrenheit451ByBradburyRay/page/n7/mode/2up>

**A Monster Calls**

In this novel inspired by an idea from Siobhan Dowd, thirteen-year-old Conor awakens to find a monster outside his bedroom window--not the one from his recurring nightmare, but an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss. ATOS 4.8

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/a-monster-calls>

**Animals of Farthing Wood**

Farthing Wood is being bulldozed and a drought means the animals no longer have anywhere to live or drink. Fox, Badger, Toad, Tawny Owl, Mole and the other animals band together and leave their ancestral home and set off to move to a far-away nature reserve.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\_Animals\_of\_Farthing\_Wood\_(book)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Animals_of_Farthing_Wood_%28book%29)

**Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland**

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll is a story about Alice who falls down a rabbit hole and lands into a fantasy world that is full of weird, wonderful people and animals.

[**https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/alice/**](https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/alice/)