

FOR THE LOVE OF MEDIA!!

Some of you may still be considering Media as an option for A Level, or may have already decided you want to study it. Media Studies is a diverse subject that deals with a number of texts, topics, issues and ideas. The following are suggestions, they are not compulsory, but I would love for you to engage in any that you find interesting.

FILM

BLACK PANTHER

“A great text to watch in terms of superhero narrative and the positive representations of race and ethnicity. This is one of the set texts you will study from a film industry point of view.”



500 DAYS OF SUMMER

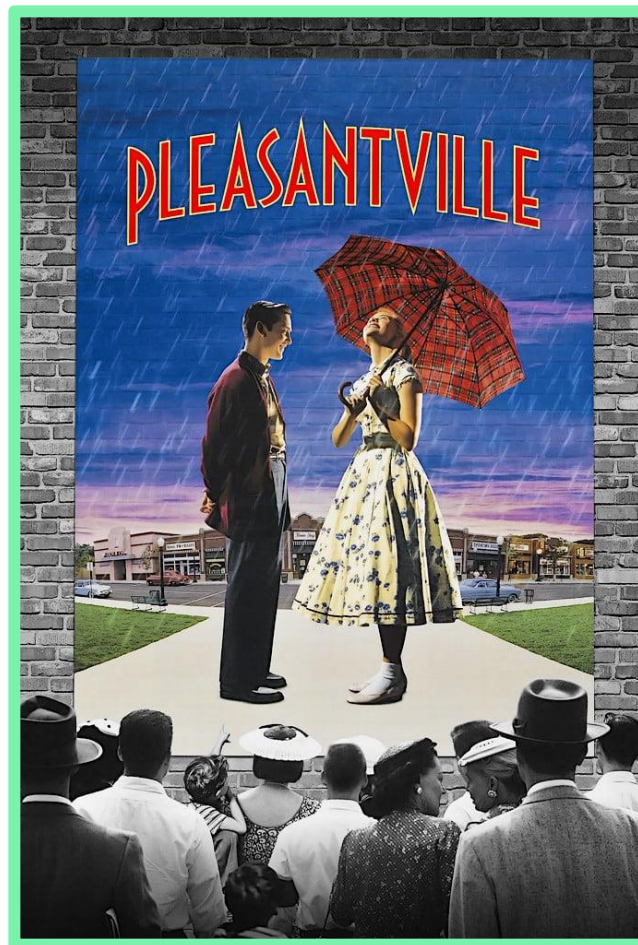
“The film '500 Days of Summer' is a great example of how narrative structure can be used in an interesting way.”



FILM

PLEASANTVILLE

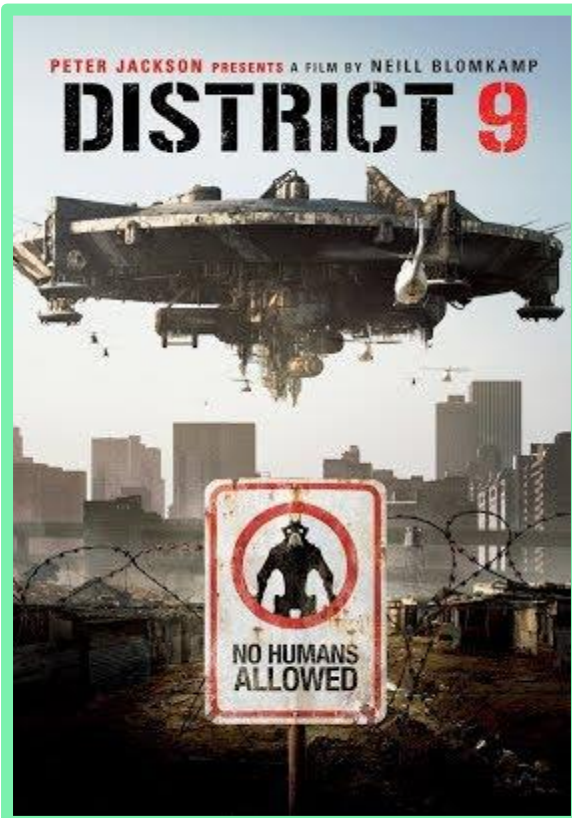
“Pleasantville – a film text that is interesting in regards to representations of gender, age, historical context and the use of visual codes to connote meaning. A great texts that can be applied to our study of 1950’s print media.”



JUNO

“Juno - great example of an indie text and great for representation of young people.”

FILM



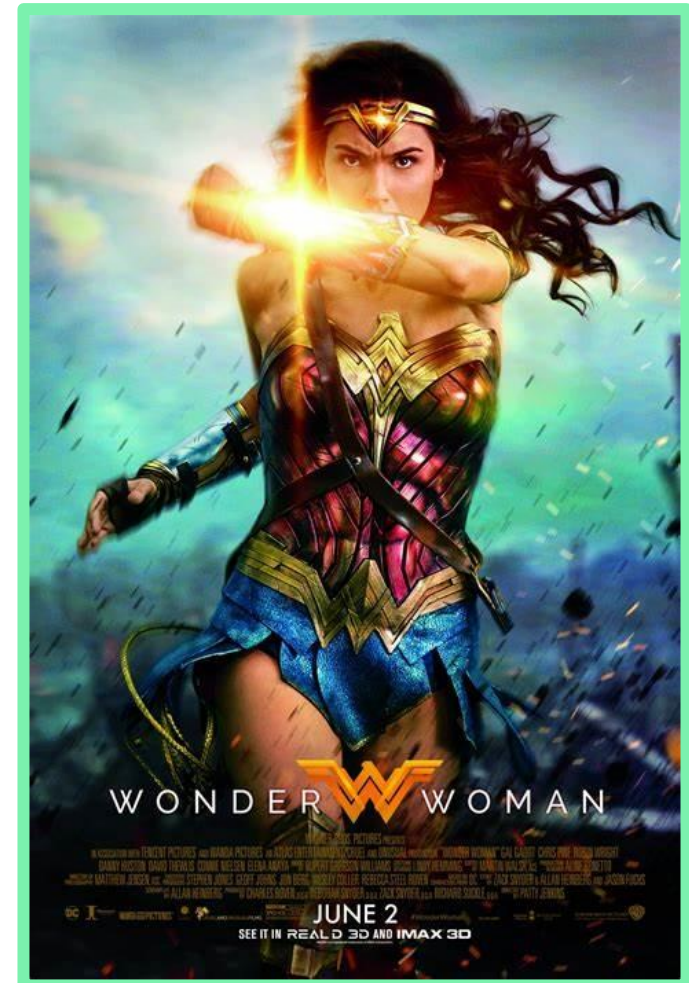
DISTRICT 9

“District 9 is a good example of a relatively low budget sci-fi film. It’s also interesting from an industry point of view – read about the level of viral marketing...”

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/273770>

WONDER WOMAN

“A good example of a blockbuster film that focuses on positive female representations.”



TV SHOWS

STRANGER THINGS

“I use the first episode of this TV show to introduce the horror genre – something we look at to introduce media analysis. It’s a great show and also uses intertextuality (where one media texts borrows ideas from another) in a range of clever and imaginative ways.”

<https://www.wired.com/story/stranger-things-movie-references/>

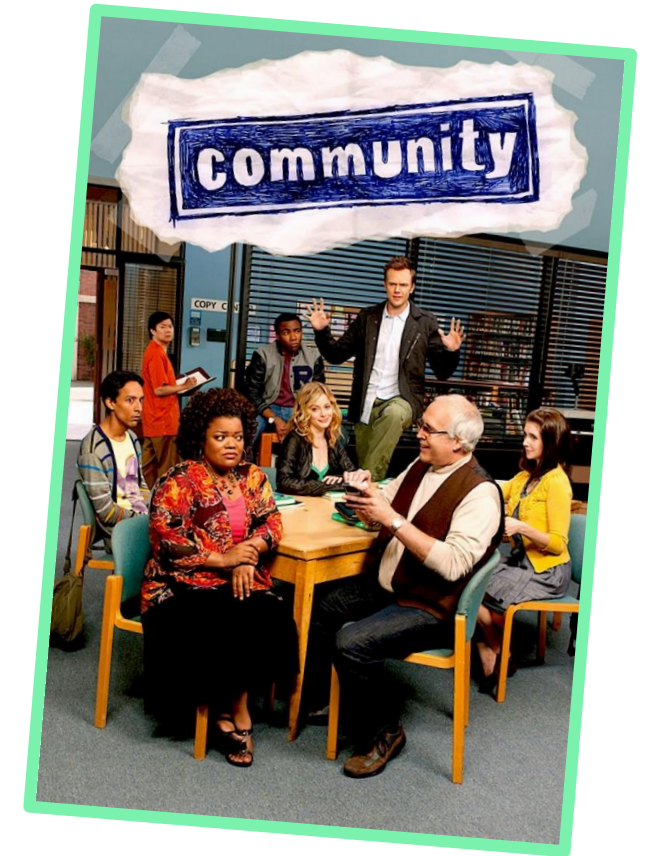


TV SHOWS



HUMANS

“This is another set text for the exam. The set episode is episode 1, but having a knowledge of the whole narrative would be a benefit to your studies.”



COMMUNITY

“Community is a great example of a modern sit-com that features a range of characters and comedic narratives.”

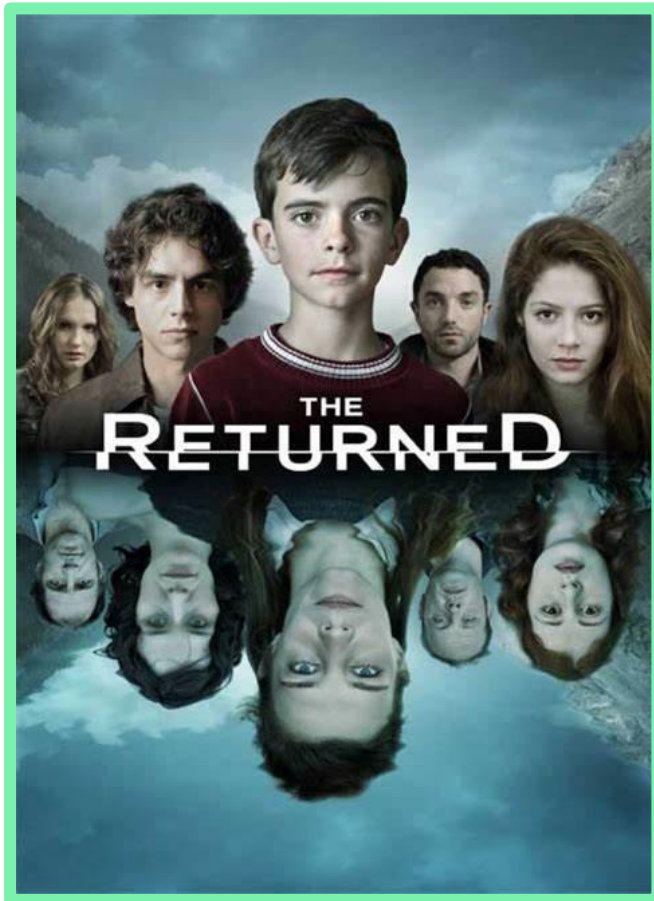
TV SHOWS



KILLING EVE

“An excellent example of gender representations.”

TV SHOWS



THE RETURNED

“The other set text for TV is the French zombie-drama ‘The Returned’.

The set episode is episode one, but again, having a good knowledge of the overall narrative is important.”



BLACK MIRROR

“A fantastic example of narrative, media language, representations and targeting audiences. Choose any episode.”

MUSIC VIDEO



BEYONCÉ

“Another set text is Beyoncé's Formation music video. Watch a range of Beyoncé music videos to get an overall idea of Beyoncé's star persona, the videos' budgets, representations of race, ethnicity and gender, context etc.”

MUSIC VIDEO

COLDPLAY & ALT J

“Coldplay’s ‘The Scientist’ and Alt J’s ‘Breezeblocks’ - both use footage in reverse.

Great for narrative structure and discussions about developments in technology, technical processes and post production.”



THIS IS AMERICA – CHILDISH GAMBINO

“This is America is amazing. Count the contextual references!”

PODCASTS

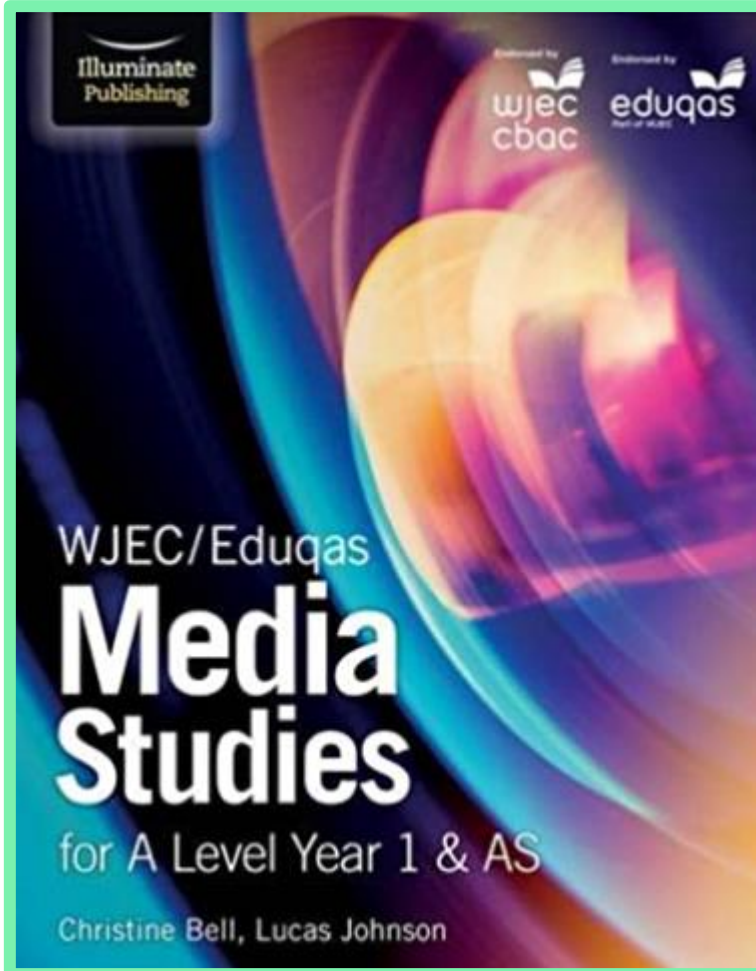


MEDIA MASTERS, THE MEDIA SHOW & THE MEDIA PODCAST

“The Media Podcast with Olly Man, BBC Radio 4’s The Media Show and the Media Masters Podcast (Particularly the episode with Alan Hunter from The Times) are all great resources to help you expand your media knowledge.”

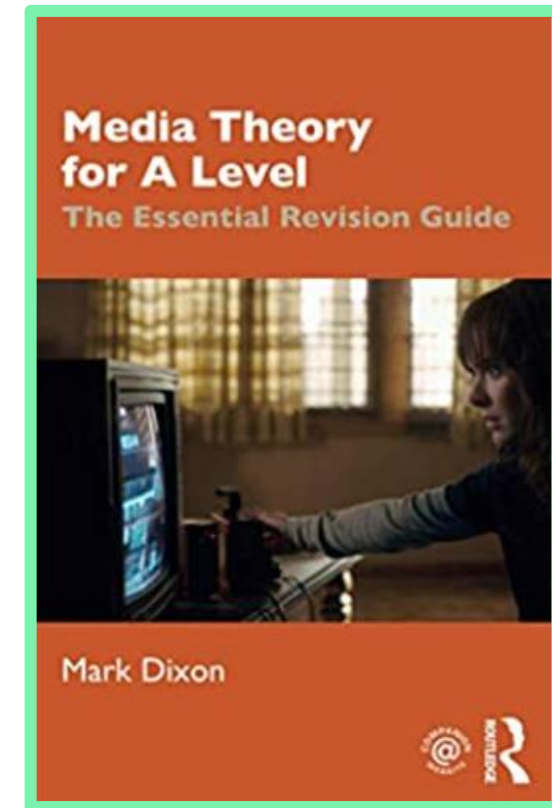


BOOKS



EDUQAS MEDIA STUDIES YEAR ONE BOOK

“An essential resource in the study of A Level media studies. This covers the majority of the set texts covered during the course. A book I will always recommend! We have copies of this in the department, but it is a good one to have a copy of once the course begins.”



MEDIA THEORY FOR A LEVEL

“Another book that I consider essential to studying media. In your analysis you have to refer to relevant media theory. This book explains each theory and even applies them to some of the set texts for the exam.”

YOUTUBE CHANNELS...

EVERY FRAME A PAINTING

“Every Frame a Painting on YouTube is a great introduction to moving image, narrative and sound.”



MRS FISHER'S MEDIA STUDIES REVISION CHANNEL



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“A fantastic YouTube revision resource. Mrs Fisher has revision videos for every set text, all of the media theories and a range of other interesting topics. An invaluable resource for revision or for anyone who wants to get a head start with their media studies.”