

Welcome to English at Brunel

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Congratulations on securing your place at Brunel

We're looking forward to meeting you - either in person or online - and introducing you to life at Brunel.

To help us get started, we've put together a short activity and some further information to help you prepare for your course - including a snapshot of the topics you'll cover and useful resources.

If you have any questions please email cbass-tpo-gask@brunel.ac.uk.

Pre-arrival activity

Tell us about your favourite book and what it means to you. Any author, any period, any genre!

Write a short (up to 500 words) review to tell us a bit more about the book and why it's important to you. We'll be discussing some of the selections with you when you arrive, and compiling a list of all the chosen books to circulate to other students - hopefully you can introduce each other to some new great reads!

Sample coursework questions

Here are some questions to get you thinking about what you've read.

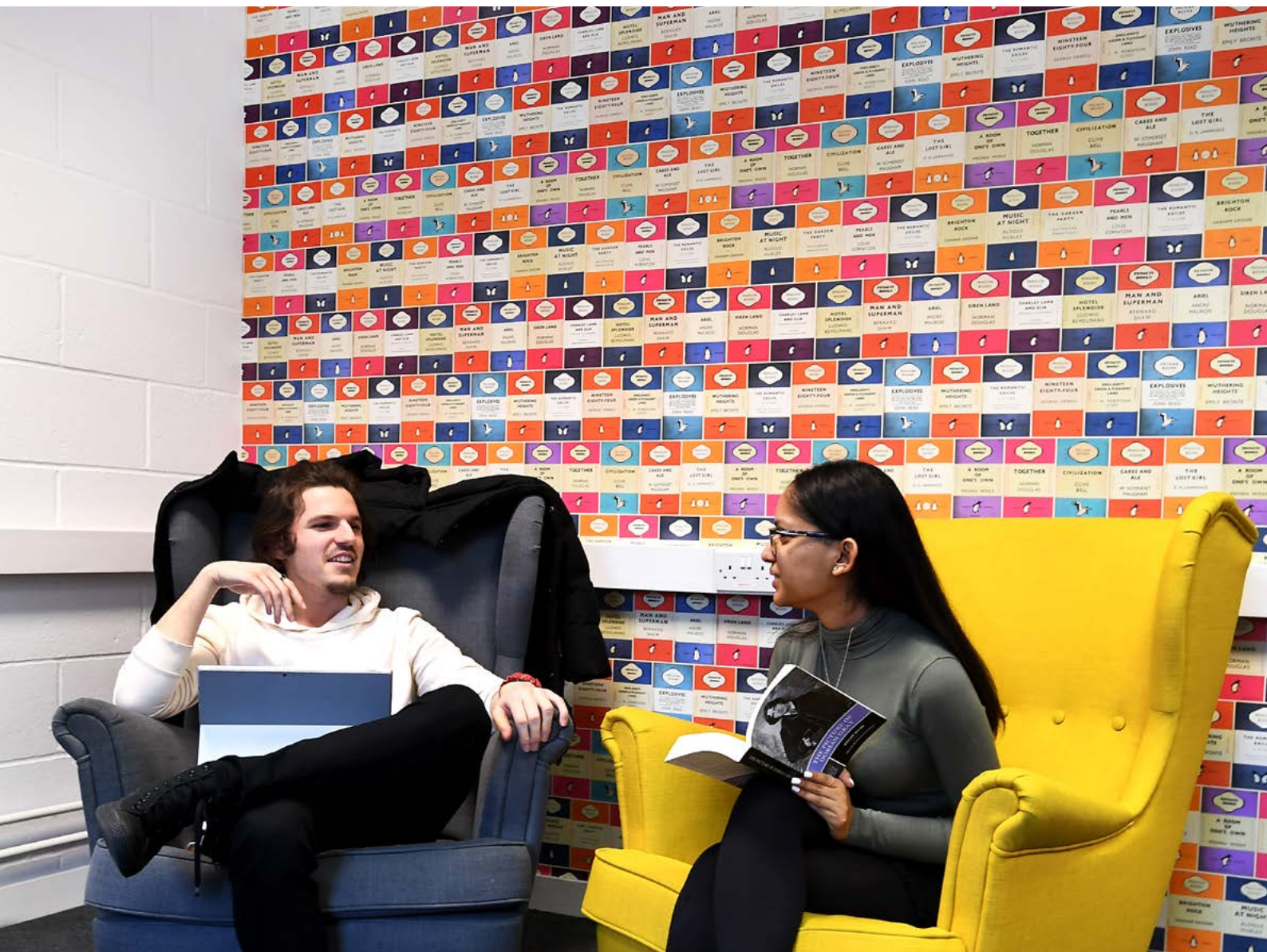
1. As you read, consider both what you like and dislike about these novels.
2. Which characters in the novel can you identify with? Or are there any characters who you like to read about, even while you don't identify with them?
3. What is the setting of the novel? Is it familiar or strange? What makes it intriguing or disturbing?
4. Who is the narrator(s)? Are they reliable or unreliable? Can you identify any signature aspects of their style or diction?
5. What is the genre(s) of the novel? How do you know? Have you read any other works of this genre previously? How does this compare?
6. Lastly, given that you are reading these texts during a global pandemic and national lockdown: are there any aspects of these fictions which speak to our current situation? Also, how has your reading experience of these texts been shaped by the lockdown?

Reading list

- Normal People (2018), by Sally Rooney
- Kindred (1979), by Octavia Butler
- Ring (1991), Koji Suzuki
- Exit West (2017), Mohsin Hamid
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (2003), Mark Haddon

We look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week (Monday 21 – Friday 25 September).

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