

A-Level Spanish – Wider Reading list

In order to achieve success at AS & A2 Level it is important that you develop your language skills and cultural understanding outside the lessons. This study is in addition to the homework tasks which make up your extended tasks. There is a wide range of resources you can use to support your learning both in school and online.

Many of the resources listed are available, free of charge, on the internet.

Books

As well as your course texts there are some other “must read” books in Spanish, ranging from the *Mafalda* comic books to classics such as Isabel Allende’s *La Casa de los Espiritus*.

There are all sorts of lists online to tempt you but here are a couple of the best:

- Réquiem Por Un Campesino Español, Ramón J. Sender
- Las Bicicletas son Para el Verano, Fernando Fernán-Gomez
- Como Agua Para Chocolate, Laura Esquivel
- La Casa De Bernarda Alba, Federico García Lorca
- Crónica De Una Muerte Anunciada, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- El Coronel No Tiene Quien Le Escriba, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- La Casa De Los Espiritus, Isabel Allende
- La Sombra Del Viento, Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- El Principe De La Niebla, Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- Las Rimas, Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer
- El Otro Arbol de Guernica, Luis de Castresana
- El Tiempo entre Costuras, María Dueñas
- La fiesta del chivo, Mario Vargas Llosa

Press

- El Mundo <http://www.elmundo.es/>
- El Pais <http://elpais.com/>

- ABC <https://www.abc.es>
- La Vanguardia <https://www.lavanguardia.com/>
- BBC Mundo <https://www.bbc.com/mundo>
- 20 minutos
- www.habla cultura.com

Other Sources of Information

Television

- Cuentame (TVE)
- Amar en tiempos revueltos (TVE)
- Isabel (TVE)

Films

- Maria, llena de sorpresas
- El Laberinto del Fauno
- Volver
- Abel
- Ocho Apellidos Catalanos
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos
- Las trece rosas

Radio and Podcasts

- Duolingo Podcast
- Ted en Español
- News in Slow Spanish
- Spanish Obsessed
- Radio Nacional de España

Apps

Many of the newspapers and radio programmes have apps you can download for free as well as learning apps such as:

- Duolingo
- Memrise
- FluentU

