

Scottish Texts for New National 5 and Higher English Courses

Following initial feedback from the teaching profession, requesting more cross over texts from National 5 to Higher, the final list was produced in consultation with teachers, lecturers and other relevant bodies who discussed the suitability of a selection of texts, as well as different assessment approaches.

The list will be reviewed and refreshed every three years to ensure it remains relevant and allows new texts to be introduced. However, Teachers and lecturers will still have complete freedom in selecting texts for the critical essay paper which means a wide range of literature will be studied at both National 5 and Higher English, including Shakespeare and other classic works.

The Cone Gatherers and the poetry of MacCaig were particularly popular among teachers and are now included at both National 5 and Higher.

The finalised list for National 5 and Higher English including the names of the specific short stories and poems:

National 5 English	Higher English
Drama	
<p>Bold Girls by Rona Munro</p> <p>Sailmaker by Alan Spence</p> <p>Tally's Blood by Ann Marie di Mambro</p>	<p>The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil by John McGrath</p> <p>Men Should Weep by Ena Lamont Stewart</p> <p>The Slab Boys by John Byrne</p>
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<p>Short stories by Iain Crichton Smith <i>The Red Door , The Telegram, Mother and Son, In Church, The Painter, The Crater</i></p> <p>The Cone Gatherers by Robin Jenkins</p> <p>Short Stories by Anne Donovan <i>All that Glisters, Zimmerobics, Virtual Pals, Away in a Manger, A Chitterin' Bite , Dear Santa</i></p> <p>The Testament of Gideon Mack by James Robertson</p> <p>Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson</p>	<p>Short stories by Iain Crichton Smith <i>The Red Door , The Telegram, Mother and Son, In Church, The Painter, The Crater</i></p> <p>The Cone Gatherers by Robin Jenkins</p> <p>Short stories by George Mackay Brown <i>A Time to Keep, The Bright Spade, The Wireless Set, The Whaler's Return, The Eye of the Hurricane, Tartan</i></p> <p>Sunset Song by Lewis Grassie Gibbon</p> <p>The Trick is to Keep Breathing by Janice Galloway</p>

Poetry

Carol Ann Duffy

War Photographer, Havisham, Valentine, Originally, Anne Hathaway, Mrs Midas

Norman MacCaig

Sounds of the Day, Assisi, Visiting Hour, Memorial, Aunt Julia, Basking Shark

Edwin Morgan

In the Snack Bar, Trio, Hyena, Good Friday, Winter, Slate

Jackie Kay

My Grandmother's Houses, Lucozade, Gap Year, Bed, Divorce, Keeping Orchids

Carol Ann Duffy

War Photographer, Havisham, Valentine, Originally, Anne Hathaway, Mrs Midas

Norman MacCaig

Sounds of the Day, Assisi, Visiting Hour, Memorial, Aunt Julia, Basking Shark

Sorley MacLean

Hallaig, Screapadal, Heroes, Shores, An Autumn Day, I gave you Immortality

Don Paterson

Waking with Russell, The Thread, 11:00: Baldovan, Two Trees, The Ferryman's Arms, Nil Nil

Liz Lochhead

The Bargain, My Rival's House, View of Scotland/Love Poem, Some Old Photographs, For my Grandmother Knitting, Last Supper

Robert Burns

Holy Willie's Prayer, Tam O' Shanter, To a Mouse, A Poet's Welcome to his Love-Begotten Daughter, Address to the Deil, A Man's a Man for a' That