

🍂 HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR FREE TIME DURING YOUR HOLIDAYS 🍂

1. COMPULSORY ACTIVITIES (REMINDER): 🍂

- Learn your irregular verbs and the vocabulary list for November 4th

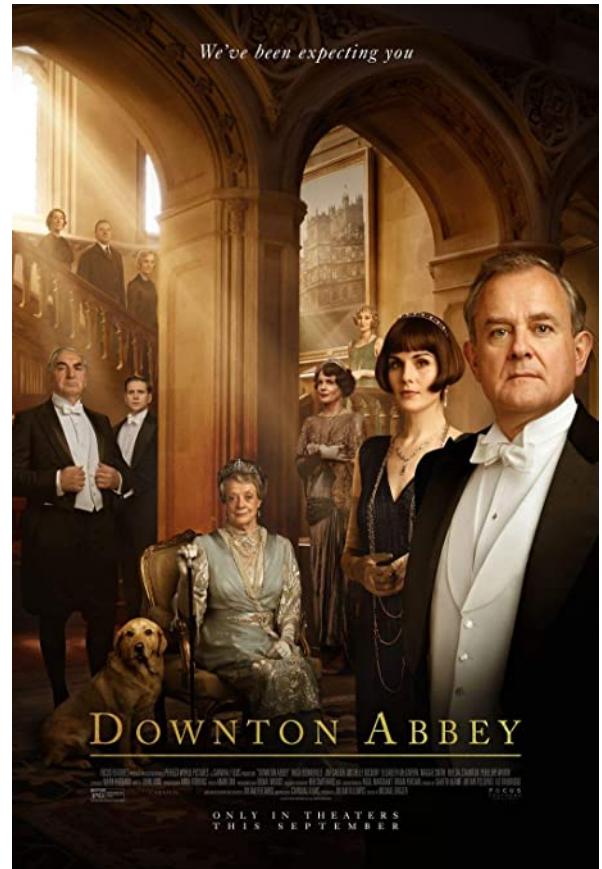
2. SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR LISTENING SKILLS AND EXPAND YOUR CULTURE: 🍂

⭐ These ideas are related to our work on Chapter 1: British Classism. ⭐

📺 TV series:

- **Downton Abbey:** a classic! It depicts life on a Yorkshire estate and follows the lives of the aristocratic family that lives there as well as those of the servants who wait on them. It is set around World War One.
- You could also watch the TV series of "**North and South**", adapted from Elizabeth Gaskell's novel. You might have seen extract from it if you were in 3e at St Jean.

In this series not only will you hear different British accents and enjoy a deeply human story, but its topic also perfectly matches your History curriculum: the Industrial Revolution, the cotton industry, the Great Exhibition, the first trade unions, the railway, etc.

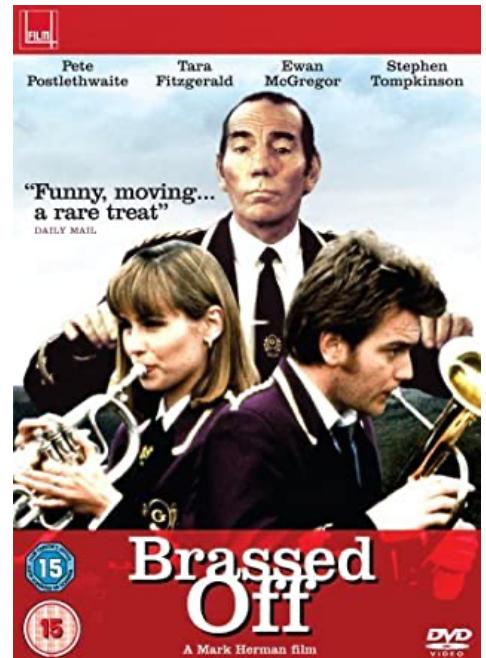


- A contemporary and a friend of Elizabeth Gaskell's (as well as an inspiration), Charlotte Brontë is one of the most famous and beloved English writers. Hailing from a small town in Yorkshire, she created one of the most famous heroines in world literature: **Jane Eyre**. Jane's story is a combination of many different themes, but it does tackle a few aspects we discussed during our chapter, including relationships between the different social classes, the difficulty to fit in, themes of inclusion/exclusion, 19th-century poverty, etc. There have been several adaptations of this novel, which you might enjoy.

 **Movies linked to our chapter that you could watch:**

- **Brassed Off** (in French *Les Virtuoses*). The perfect example of a British realist film: tackling tough social issues with a mixture of funny and heart-breaking scenes. The film depicts the story of a group of coal miners whose pit (=mine) is at risk of closure. They all play in a brass band (=une fanfare). The film stars Ewan McGregor, Pete Postlethwaite and Jim Carter.

- **My Fair Lady**: a very famous and fun musical about British classism and accentism, starring Audrey Hepburn.



- **Billy Elliot**: a musical about a young boy from a working-class background who wants to learn how to dance. It takes place in the north east of England during the 1984-1985 miners' strike when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister. The film soundtrack uses songs from these times too, so it features British glam rock and punk bands, mostly *T-Rex* and *The Clash*.

- If you are interested in Margaret Thatcher, you might also want to watch the 2011 movie **The Iron Lady** in which she is played by Meryl Streep.

- If you enjoyed Pete Postlethwaite's performance in *Brassed Off* and/or are interested in the Troubles (conflict in Northern Ireland), I recommend the film **In the Name of the Father** by Jim Sheridan.

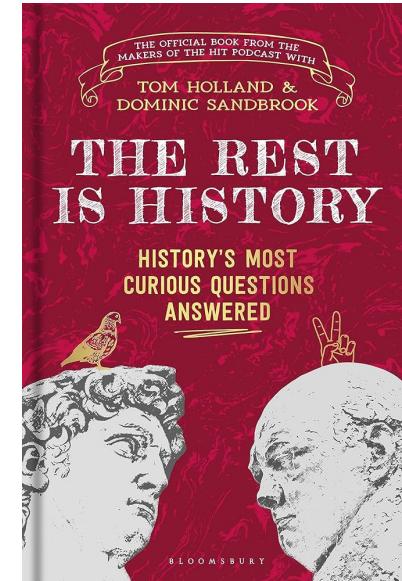
With standout performances by Postlethwaite, Daniel Day-Lewis and Emma Thompson, this film tells the true story of the Guildford Four, who were wrongly accused of planting a bomb that killed 4 British soldiers and a civilian in London in 1974.



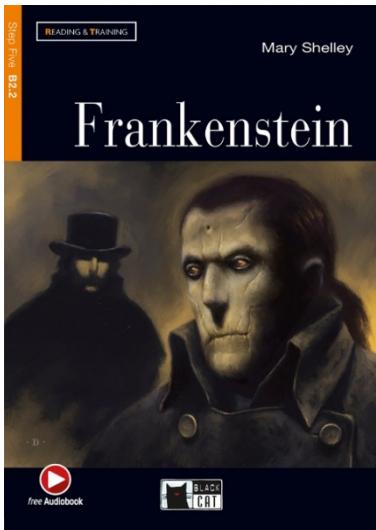
-  **Chapter 2/Current events:** there are several documentaries about American politics available for free at the moment on Arte's website.
 - About Kamala Harris: <https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/102310-000-A/kamala-harris-une-ambition-americaine/>
 - About Donald Trump: <https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/118080-019-A/donald-trump-le-grand-bouleversement/>

Podcasts:

- Once again, I am going to recommend the podcast *The Rest is History* (available everywhere you listen to podcasts).
 - Listen to the full podcast on the **North and South divide in Britain**: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-north-south-divide/id1537788786?i=1000506825845>
 - An excellent episode on “**The Real Downton Abbey**”: <https://podcasts.apple.com/za/podcast/300-the-real-downton-abby/id1537788786?i=1000597624443>
 - All their episodes on “**the Birth of the USA**” (for Unit 2 and Unit 3) are a particular highlight as well. <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-american-revolution-part-1/id1537788786?i=1000619057107>



- For the latest scientific data on the subject of accentism, you can also listen to the podcast from the BBC programme “**Word of Mouth**” on Accent Bias. Here is the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000ykqm>
- Visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/6-minute-english> or <https://www.esl-lab.com/> and work on one or several podcasts/recording. Listen carefully, make notes, do your own mock exam for the listening comprehension! There is an introduction for each audio recording, there is even vocabulary to help you, as well as scripts thanks to which you can check your understanding after working on the documents.
- Listen to any type of podcast on the radio or to Ted Talks on topics related to your interests for example: https://www.ted.com/playlists/441/talks_that_ll_inspire_you_to_l



3. HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR WRITTEN SKILLS:

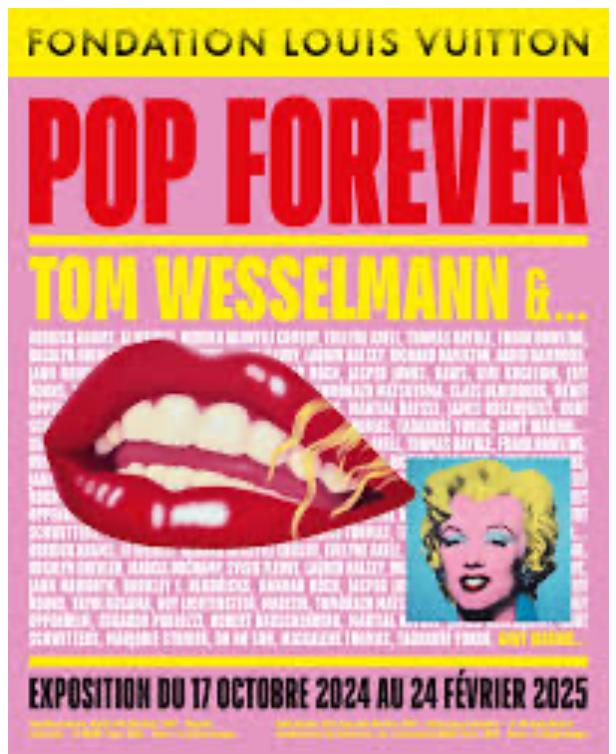
- As usual, bear in mind that you need to read in English. Most newspapers are available online: *The Guardian* (its website is completely free), *the New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, etc.
- Read books in English! The ‘Black Cat’ collection is aimed at students. You can choose your level of difficulty (B2 or C1) and each chapter is followed by comprehension, grammar and vocabulary activities on the text. You can choose your book from a wide range of titles, usually adapted from famous stories. <http://www.blackcat-cideb.com/2-english-catalogue>

4. THINGS TO DO IN PARIS:

- **Visit exhibitions:** You are lucky to be living in or near Paris and its impressive and varied cultural life. Make the most of it by visiting exhibitions to expand your knowledge of English-speaking countries, their History, and their cultures!

The **Fondation Louis Vuitton** is putting on an exhibition about Pop art, starting October 17th. It focuses mostly on Tom Wesselmann but will include other artists such as Ai Weiwei and Andy Warhol: his famous *Shot Sage Blue Marilyn* (1964) will be on display.

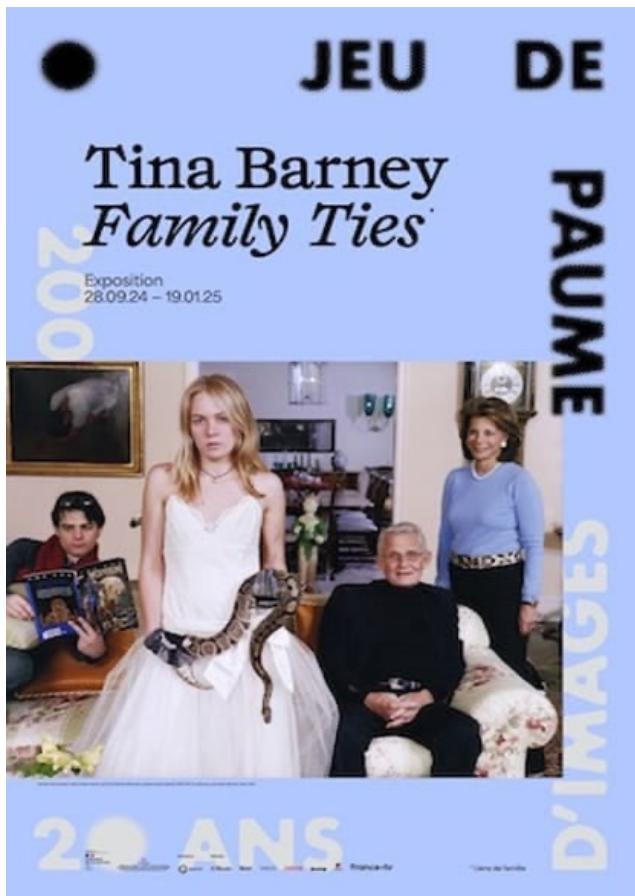
<https://www.fondationlouisvuitton.fr/fr/evenements/pop-forever-tom-wesselmann-and>



The Petit Palais is showcasing a street art exhibition for the first time ever! Entrance is free and you will be able to see works by American artist Shepard Fairey or British artist Hush.

<https://www.petitpalais.paris.fr/expositions/we-are-here>

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If you are interested in photography, there is an exhibition on the American photographer Tina Barney at the Jeu de Paume.

<https://jeudepaume.org/evenement/exposition-tina-barney/>

You can see the pictures she took of her own family over many years. They are often very intriguing and cleverly built. They make an interesting parallel with our chapter on British Classism as Tina Barney has mostly taken pictures of America's middle and upper classes. The exhibition also includes pictures from her work on British aristocracy.

- **See a play by Shakespeare!** It's in French (sadly) but the adaptation and the staging are excellent and quite fun. The actors are consummate artists: they can act and sing and some of them even play instruments.

The play is a comedy, so you will definitely have a nice time!

