

Have you tried BBC Sounds?



BBC Sounds has a huge collection of great content to listen to, including music and podcasts. This week I have been enjoying listening to some of the audio books and I even found recordings of some William Shakespeare plays; I have given examples below. Also plenty of history podcasts which may interest you too. I have found that this is a good way of relaxing, almost 'removing myself' from all that is going on around me, as well as learning a great deal too. You may also find that listening to audiobooks and music are good options for you, to focus your mind and relax.

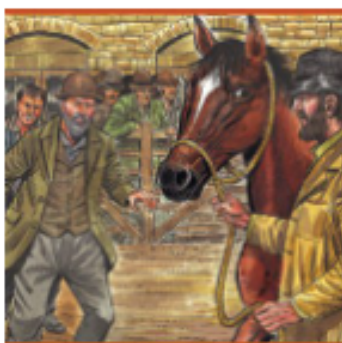
You can access BBC Sounds on different devices, including tablets, phones, smart speakers, and laptops.... Your family will need to have/help you set up a BBC account (for under 13s), which requires an email address and password and is very straight forward to set up.

You may enjoy:

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

An abridgement of Michael Morpurgo's much-loved novel 'War Horse'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/english-ks2-war-horse-michael-morpurgo/zmpwbdm>

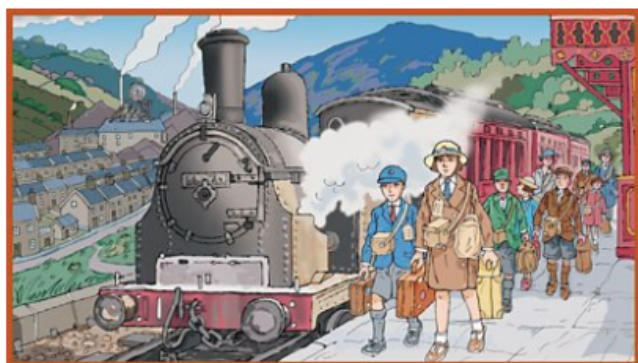


War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Episode 1: A separation

The year is 1912 and a gangly colt is sold to a Devon farmer.

15 mins **A firm favourite for many, which has been abridged into 10 x 15 minute episodes. A great way to learn about WW1, whilst sitting back and enjoying one of Morpurgo's finest.**



Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

A new abridgement of Nina Bawden's classic WW2 story of children evacuated to Wales.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=Carrie%27s+War>

This classic WW2 story has also been abridged into 10 x 15 minute episodes. An opportunity to become embroiled in this wartime tale of evacuation and reflect on our studies of WW2 in class too.

We enjoyed learning about the stories of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth' together in class. How about listening to some other plays by William Shakespeare? These will tend to take more time to listen to, but you can just listen to part of it and then pick up from where you left it when you return to BBC Sounds.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=Shakespeare+sessions&page=2>

You could try:



The Shakespeare Sessions: Full Length Play: The Winter's Tale

Comedy, tragedy, magic, mystery. And exiting "pursued by a bear".

The Shakespeare Sessions: Full Length Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Creep into the forest this midsummer with a fantastical comedy. Warning: contains faeries

I hope that this proves helpful and that you enjoy these suggestions, and remember that there is so much more to discover on BBC Sounds too.

Bye for now. Mr. Cross

