



# The West African Examinations Council

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## **LIST OF PRESCRIBED TEXTS FOR THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE)**

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE (CORE)**

#### **(SCHOOL AND PRIVATE, 2022-2026)**

#### **1. PROSE**

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

- (i) Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island
- (ii) MamleWolo: The Kaya Girl

#### **2. DRAMA**

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

- (i) Henrik Ibsen: An Enemy of the People
- (ii) Bill Marshall: The Son of Umbele

#### **3. POETRY**

One (1) of the following sets of poems should be selected for detailed study:

##### **(a) NON-AFRICAN POETRY**

- (i) Wilfred Owen: Anthem for Doomed Youth
- (ii) Walt Whitman: I sit and Look Out
- (iii) John Donne: Batter my Heart Three-Person'd God
- (iv) D.H. Lawrence: Piano
- (v) Claude Mckay: If We Must Die

##### **(b) AFRICAN POETRY**

- (i) Oswald Mtshali: Nightfall in Soweto
- (ii) Kofi Awoonor: The Weaverbird

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| (iii) J.P. Clark     | Night Rain              |
| (iv) David Rubadiri: | An African Thunderstorm |
| (v) Gabriel Okara    | Once Upon a Time        |

**RECOMMENDED ANTHOLOGIES CONTAINING THE ABOVE SET POEMS**

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| 1. K.E. Senanu and T. Vincent (eds):                    | <u>A selection of African Poetry (Longman) 1996</u> |
| 2. Woelli Dekutse and John Sackey:                      | <u>An Anthology of contemporary Ghanaian Poems</u>  |
| 3. Wole Soyinka (ed):                                   | <u>Poems of Black Africa (HEBM) 1975</u>            |
| 4. Ruth Miller & Robert A. Greenberg (eds):             | <u>Poetry: An Introduction (Macmillan) 1985</u>     |
| 5. <u>Arthur W. Biddle &amp; Tony Fulwiler</u>          | <u>Angles of Vision (McGraw Hill, NY, 1992</u>      |
| 6. Any other anthology containing any of the set poems. |   |