



## Going Into AMC Terminale - My Holiday Guide

Obviously the holidays are to relax and spend time with your holidays and friends, however the joy of specializing in AMC is that you can prepare for you final year without too much time and effort and have fun at the same time.

### Current Affairs on your phone



It is a good idea to keep track of what is going on in the world. Why not put the BBC News app on your phone ? Try and spend 10 minutes a day scrolling through the headlines and stories of the day. From here you can also access BBC One Minute News which provides you quite literally the day's headlines in one minute, updated every two hours or so.

For the more ambitious of you, the Guardian has a pod cast called « Today in Focus » which has great 25 minute reports every day about current issues.

You do not have to subscribe to Vocable to be able to benefit from its videos on current affairs : <https://www.vocable.fr/reportages>

### Apps

Why not install a couple of apps on your phone to have English at your finger tips over the holidays?

- At the end of March you will be doing the Cambridge B2 exam these two apps will provide you with practise and you will improve your English at the same time. There are plenty of others, find one that works for you



(select level B2)



- These ones will teach you a new idioms or expressions. Again, depending on whether you have an I phone or an Android the choice is vast. Try and find one you like and use it every day.



### The Press

Reading the press is going to be a key element to your AMC syllabus in Terminale. I strongly recommend that you read as many articles about different topics as possible and try and learn as much new vocabulray as possible.



## Series and Films

This is the fun bit! I do not need to tell you that series and films are a fantastic way to improve your English and there are some that can provide you with very useful background information for the topics that we will be covering in AMC in final year.



**This England** (either on Canal+ or Streaming) provides a fascinating and compelling image of the UK during Brexit.

**Billy Elliot** gives you an idea of the North of England during the Thatcher era.

**The Crown** with its impeccable, crisp English has all the for the most part reliable background you need on the Royal Family and events in the UK.

**Belfast**, a renowned film by Kenneth Branagh with a star-studded cast portrays Ireland during the « The Troubles »

**Till**, based on the true story of Mamie Till-Bradley, an educator and activist who pursued justice after the murder of her 14-year-old son Emmett in August 1955.

**Shirley** is a 2024 American biographical drama film. It depicts the 1972 presidential run of Shirley Chisholm, who was the first Black woman to be elected to the United States Congress.



**Hidden Figures** is a 2016 American biographical drama film. It is loosely based on the 2016 non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly about three female African-American mathematicians: Katherine Goble Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson who worked at NASA during the Space Race.

**Barbie**<sup>[a]</sup> is a 2023 fantasy comedy film directed by Greta Gerwig from a screenplay she wrote with Noah Baumbach. Based on the eponymous fashion dolls by Mattel, it is the first live-action Barbie film after numerous animated films and specials.

**Killers of the Flower Moon**<sup>[a]</sup> is a 2023 American epic Western crime drama film co-written, produced, and directed by Martin Scorsese based on the 2017 non-fiction book by David Grann. Set in 1920s Oklahoma, it focuses on a series of murders of Osage members and relations in the Osage Nation after oil was discovered on tribal land. The tribal members had retained mineral rights on their reservation, but a corrupt local political boss sought to steal the wealth.



***The Iron Lady*** is a 2011 biographical drama film based on the life and career of Margaret Thatcher, a British politician who was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of the 20th century and the first woman to hold the office.

## Books

### Society – Equalities and Inequalities

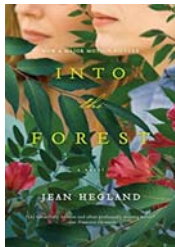


*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas talks about a 16 year old girl growing up against a background of racial prejudice in the USA

*To Kill a Mockingbird* : In this classic Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s.

*The Handmaid's Tale*, this haunting vision of the future places Margaret Atwood at the forefront of dystopian fiction. Offred is a Handmaid in The Republic of Gilead, a religious totalitarian state in what was formerly known as the United States.

### Changing Environments - From the protection of nature to ecological transition



*Into the Forest* is a mesmerizing and thought-provoking novel of hope and despair set in a frighteningly plausible near-future America. Over 30 miles from the nearest town, and several miles away from their nearest neighbor, Nell and Eva struggle to survive as society begins to decay and collapse around them.





## Going Into AMC Terminale – What you need!

Please make sure you start your final year with the following :

- For your lessons I prefer an A4 folder (medium sized rings) , 6 dividers and plenty of plastic pockets as I give a lot of photocopies.
- If you prefer to use an exercise book, that is alright but you should have three of different colours (one for each theme, plus a plastic pocket book
- For grammar practice : a big copy book (regardless of whether you use a file or a copy book for the lessons
- The library has monolingual dictionaries, but if you have one it will provide you with constant practice. It is good to have your own as you are allowed it for the written exam and it is good to have you are familiar with. These two a both good and cost around 11 euros, so not the earth:

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