

Language and Power

Some suggested resources:

Political

“Animal Farm” George Orwell (extracts)

“Politics and the English Language” Orwell (essay)

“Ballad of Birmingham” Dudley Randall (poem, written in 1969 on the bombing of a church in Birmingham Alabama 1963)

“I Have a Dream” Martin Luther King (speech)

“Political correctness” David Crystal (chapter 34 from “A Little Book of Language”. (Or other David Crystal texts)

Social Class

“Kestrel for a Knave” Barry Hines (novel extract)

“You will be hearing from us Shortly” UA Fanthorpe, (poem)

“A Modest Proposal” Swift (satire)

Women’s Rights

“Women’ Rights are Human Rights” Hilary Clinton, speech in Beijing China, 1995

Language in a Cultural Context

Gender

Representation of women in fairy tales and myths

Little Red Riding Hood

A traditional telling of the tale

A modern retelling e.g. Jonathan Langley ISBN 0006642519

“Hoodwinked” extracts from DVD