



Mandarin Reading List

Compulsory:

1. Review and test yourself on the AQA GCSE Chinese Topics: <https://www.memrise.com/course/1886997/aqa-chinese-gcse-2/> (Pre-U Mandarin will build on these)
2. Explore the following website at least once per week (www.thechairmansbao.com/):



Learn to make full use of the site's bilingual news articles and audio, vocabulary, and comprehension question features. Check the site regularly, as the free 'sample lessons' change and the news stories are sometimes really interesting! How high up the HSK grade level can you manage? (1 is easiest, 6 is most advanced.) Be ready to report to us in September about something you have read. When you start your course you will be given full access with a student account.

3. Buy or borrow a copy of **Michael Lynch's books "China: From Empire to People's Republic 1900-49", and "The People's Republic of China 1949-76"**. Read chapter 1 of the first book (Imperial China and the Chinese Revolution)
4. Buy or borrow a copy of Yu Hua's "*Chronicle of a Blood Merchant*" (this is your assigned literary text)
5. Watch the following documentaries
 - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5cl0GjPjy4&t=4821s>
 - b. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJyoX_vrlns&t=2582s
6. Watch *The Blue Kite*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCKlm7iPUhk> (this is your assigned film)

Optional extra:

- Keep a journal in hand-written or typed Chinese. Write whatever you like; teachers will check this, but not read it in detail (unless you'd like us to)
- Use the YouTube channel 'Crazy Fresh Chinese' to learn idiomatic phrases for speaking
- 'Slow Chinese' – an excellent online content resource – articles with explanations
- 'Chinese grammar wiki' – a great website for explanations of Chinese grammar points
- Read *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang
- Use the HSK link to learn words (reading, translation and typing) <https://www.chineseinflow.com/>