



**Specification:** AQA A level Spanish

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692>

*Of the books/activities listed below, you need to choose **at least two**. Immediately after each of these (before you forget), you should complete the Sixth Form Induction Tasks Worksheet.*

### Books

#### Historical Fiction

##### **Winter in Madrid** by C. J. Sansom

1940: Madrid lies ruined, its people starving, while the Germans continue their relentless march through Europe. Britain now stands alone while General Franco considers whether to abandon neutrality and enter the war. Into this uncertain world comes Harry Brett: a traumatised veteran of Dunkirk turned reluctant spy for the British Secret Service. This is a vivid and haunting depiction of wartime Spain.

##### **Guernica** by Dave Boling

An extraordinary epic of love, family, and war set in the Basque town of Guernica before, during, and after its destruction by the German Luftwaffe during the Spanish Civil War.

##### **Alberto's Lost Birthday** by Diana Rosie

Alberto is an old man. But he doesn't know how old - he remembers nothing before his arrival at an orphanage during the Spanish civil war. Their search for the old man's memories takes them deep into the heart of Spain - a country that has pledged to forget its painful past.

##### **The Return** by Victoria Hislop

Beneath the majestic towers of the Alhambra, Granada's cobbled streets resonate with music and secrets. Sonia Cameron knows nothing of the city's shocking past; she is here to dance. But in a quiet café, a chance conversation and an intriguing collection of old photographs draw her into the extraordinary tale of Spain's devastating civil war.

### Activity

A retrospective of recent films by Spain's greatest living filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar at the Curzon Cinemas in August

<http://www.curzonblog.com/almodovar>



### Film Studies Research

Read and research about Director Pedro Almodóvar

<http://sensesofcinema.com/2006/great-directors/almodovar/>

### Films by Pedro Almodóvar

[Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios](#) (1988)

[Todo Sobre mi Madre](#) (1999)

### Other Films

[Ochos Apellidos Vascos](#) (2014) - Comedy

[The Motorcycle Diaries](#) (2004) - Adventure

### Television/Netflix series

[Las Mujeres del Cable](#) – Netflix (Cable Girls) -Watch with original soundtrack in Spanish.

[Locked Up - Series 1 & 2](#) – All 4 Catch up, Box sets.

### News Website & App

[BBC Mundo](#) - Research, read and watch videos about current affairs and news.

### Social Networks

[Twitter](#) - Follow a Spanish news site or topic of interest: eg. football, music, cinema, fashion.