

Cultural Studies: A Basic Bibliography

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★ Titles marked with an asterisk may be particularly helpful as *first* study aids.

'INTRODUCTIONS' to cultural studies and cultural scholarship

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[→ Vernon offers a comprehensive survey of modern 'British' history that puts a particular emphasis on social history and social politics. Designed for (slightly advanced) students, this is certainly the best book of its kind.]

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- Ch. 3: "Literature and Cultural Studies"

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