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Série : Lettres et Arts

▪ Analyse d'un texte hors programme

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- *Belfast News Letter*
- "The new fault-lines in national politics are set to make things even more challenging for unionists than before", Owen Polley (27/03/2023)

- *Cambridge Independent*
- "Victimising asylum seekers and breaking international law is not the solution", John Downing (15/03/2023)

- *Daily Express*
- "Chaos under Boris? Well what's this then, asks Leo McKINSTRY", Leo Mckinstry (10/06/2023)

- *Newsweek*
- "Low Expectations Lead to Low Results", Michele Steeb (21/09/2022)

- *The Atlantic*
- "Tucker's Successor Will Be Worse", David Graham (24/04/2023)

- *The Boston Globe*
- "Trying to close the gender pay gap — 60 years after the Equal Pay Act", Dr. Heather Furnas (02/06/2023)

- *The Economist*
- "Apocalypse then" (13/10/2022)

- *The Guardian*
- "Harry: the prince who wanted out but could not really leave", Hadley Freeman (19/09/2022)
- "Those who tore down Colston's statue helped lead us to the truth about slavery and the monarchy", Kojo Koram (07/04/2023)
- "The Coronation Offered a Chance to Reform and Modernise the Monarchy. It has been squandered", Martin Kettle (05/05/2023)
- "The arts in Britain are teetering on the brink. Here is my plan to save them", Nicholas Hytner (17/05/2023)

- *The Independent*
- "It is time for the Church and the state to be separated", Stephen Evans (24/09/2022)

- “Starmer won’t be scrapping the Lords if he becomes PM”, John Rentoul, Chief Political Commentator (01/04/2023)
 - *The Los Angeles Times*
- “Editorial: Nashville and a nation of mass shooting trauma” (28/03/2023)
 - *The New Statesman*
- “By protecting private schools, Rishi Sunak is chasing voters who don’t exist”, John Oxley (01/12/2022)
- “Are the Conservatives “defunding” the NHS in order to privatise it?”, Anoosh Chakelian (05/01/2023)
 - *The New York Times*
- “Affirmative Action Has Become a Strange Monster”, Ross Douthat (29/10/2022)
- “Ron DeSantis Likes His Culture Wars for a Reason”, Jamelle Bouie (24/01/2023)
- “Our New Promethean Moment”, Thomas Friedman (21/03/2023)
 - *The Observer*
- “From Apollo to Artemis: 50 years on, is it time to go back to the moon?”, Robin McKie (20/11/2022)
- “Diana, Meghan and the tabloid press: Harry finally gets his day in court”, Andrew Anthony (04/06/2023)
 - *The Scotsman*
- “SNP leadership: Does Nicola Sturgeon deserve credit for eight years of SNP election wins? Don't be silly”, Euan McColm (12/03/2023)
 - *The Telegraph*
- “Suella Braverman says 'enough is enough' as she unveils crack down on illegal migration”, Charles Hymas, Home Affairs Editor, Dan Martin (07/03/2023)
- “Tories must stop tearing themselves apart” (10/06/2023)
 - *The Times*
- “Rewilding queen: ‘There’s been a huge pushback against nature — it’s lunacy’”, Adam Vaughan, Environment Editor (15/10/2022)
- “An Assault on the Right to Protest”, Catherine Baksi (17/11/2022)
 - *The Wall Street Journal*
- “Why George Santos’s Lies Matter”, Peggy Noonan (31/12/2022)
- “The Climate Crusaders Are Coming for Electric Cars Too”, Allysia Finley (13/02/2023)
 - *The Washington Post*
- “The Supreme Court has lost its ethical compass. Can it find one fast?”, Ruth Marcus (22/11/2022)
- “How long till people stop falling for ‘founder’ hype?”, David Von Drehle (16/12/2022)
- “The slow chokehold on the nation’s homeless”, Theresa Vargas (06/05/2023)

- *Time Magazine*
- “7 Years After the Pulse Nightclub Shooting, Florida Must Reject Hate”, Brandon Wolf (10/06/2023)

Série : Langues Vivantes

▪ Explication d'un texte d'auteur (LV1)

Les textes proposés sont extraits de :

- Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*
 - pp.10-11 : « A small breakfast-room » ... « the breakfast-room door opened. »
 - pp.20-22 : « A singular notion dawned upon me. » ... « unconsciousness closed the scene »
 - pp.30-32 : « Would you like to go to school? » ... « They went. »
 - pp.34-36 : « November, December » ... « at Gateshead Hall. »
 - pp.65-67 : « Jumping over forms » ... « so easy to be careful.' »
 - pp.99-101 : « Hitherto I have recorded » ... « in honour of the occasion. »
 - pp.119-121 : « 'C'est là ma gouvernante ?' » ... « hear me sing now?. »
 - pp.137-138 : « I did not like re-entering Thornfield. » ... « to take off my things. »
 - pp.172-173 : « And was Mr Rochester now ugly in my eyes ? » ... « and all was still. »
 - pp.215-217 : « I have told you, reader » ... « without weapons a silent conquest might have been won. »
 - pp.229-231 : « I knelt within half a yard of her » ... « 'Eagerness of a listener !' repeated she. »
 - pp.240-242 : « No : stillness returned : » ... « the sound of his retreating step ceased to be heard. »
 - pp.326-327 : « 'Now Jane, that is all.' » ... « the transaction actually took place. »
 - pp.351-353 : « Can you listen to me ?' » ... « a man bound to a wife at once intemperate and unchaste. »
 - pp.422-424 : « I continued the labours of the village-school » ... « stronger than working muscle or darting glance could indicate. »
 - pp.474-476 : « The night before he left home » ... « 'Yes, I will, as your assistant', I answered. »
 - pp.492-494 : « 'You shall tell me this part of the story some other time' » ... « I had dreaded he was mad. »
- William Shakespeare, *Richard II*
 - pp.78-80, I.1 v.110-159 : « Thomas of Norfolk » ... « you your son. »
 - pp.86-88, I.3 v.26-77 : « Marshal, demand of yonder knight » ... « lusty haviour of his son.»
 - pp.95-97, I.3 v.250-308 : « My lord, no leave take I » ... « a true born Englishman. »
 - pp.108-110, II.1 v.159-210 : « And, for these great affairs » ... « his money and his lands »
 - pp.114-116, II.2 v.1-51 : « Madam, your majesty is too much sad. » ... « in heaven forbid! »
 - pp.127-130, II.4 (en entier) et III.1 v.1-30 : « My Lord of Salisbury » ... « the hand of death. »
 - pp.136-138, III.2 v.129-177 : « Oh, villains, vipers » ... « I am a king ? »
 - pp.140-143, III.3 v.20-74 : « Welcome, Harry » ... « thy lawful king. »
 - pp.150-152, III.4 v.29-82 : « Go bind thou » ... « yet what I say is true. »
 - pp.154-156, IV.1 v.33-83 : « If that thy valour » ... « trust me with a gage. »
 - pp.161-163, IV.1 v.189-241 : « I thought you had been willing » ... « wash away your sin »
 - pp.162-165, IV.1 v.259-317 : « Oh that I were » ... « a true king's fall. »
 - pp.168-170, V.1 v.51-102 : « My lord, the mind » ... « let sorrow say. »
 - pp.176-178, V.3 v.23-72 : « Where is the king? » ... « put to death. »
 - pp.185-187, V.5 v.67-118 : « Hail, royal prince! » ... « give them burial here. »

- Derek Walcott, *Omeros* (book 1)
 - pp.4-5 : « He has left it to a garrulous waterfall » ... « The first god was a gommier. »
 - pp.12-13 : « O open this day with the conch's moan, Omeros » ... « that hummed in the vase of a girl's throat : 'Omeros'. »
 - pp.14-15 : « 'O-meros,' she laughed. 'That's what we call him in Greek,' » ... « to do what the past always does: suffer, and stare. »
 - pp.17-18 : « Ma Kilman had the oldest bar in the village » ... « down and anoint the miuth of the sore on his shin. »
 - pp.20-21 : « North of the village is a logwood grove whose thorns » ... « targeted the sore, and he screamed in the yam rows. »
 - pp.23-24 : « I sat on the white terrace waiting for the cheque » ... « the waitress sneered, 'Helen.' And all the rest followed. »
 - pp.27-28 : « Not club-mates. Chums, companions. Comrades-in-arms. » ... « where what they called history could not happen. Where? »
 - pp.30-31 : « Seychelles. Seashelles. One more. In the olive saucer, » ... « for the cedars fell in green sunrise to the axe. »
 - pp.35-36 : « Far down the beach, where the boy had wheeled it around » ... « the golden moss of the reef fleeced the Argonauts. »
 - pp.36-37 : « I saw her once after that moment on the beach » ... « divided by her echo that shook like a reed. »
 - pp.38-39 : « They came out of the iron market. Achille gave » ... « The van raced the harbour. Achille picked up the fruit. »
 - pp.52-53 : « In the grey vertical forest of the hurricane season, » ... « past the banks like migrating elk. »
 - pp.57-58 : « Once the rains passed they took the olive Land Rover » ... « doubt that paused before taking the wafer's white leaf. »
 - pp.63-64 : « Pigs were his business. People were not resigned » ... « at least her namesake's, in the Battle of the Saints. »
 - pp.66-67 : « She though : I dreamed of this house with woods around it, » ... « the peace of a wandering heart when it is housed. »
 - pp.68-69 : « The hum » ... « the vines of the lucent body, the swift's blown seed. »
 - pp.72-73 : « 'Walk me down to the wharf.' » ... « they studded diagrams over Achille's canoe. »

▪ Analyse d'un texte hors programme (LV1)

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 - "Why are we stuck with Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court justice who doesn't follow the law?", Jackie Calmes (20/04/2023)
 - "The writers' strike is partly about AI. They're right to worry.", Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson (05/05/2023)
 - "The affirmative action calamity brewing at the Supreme Court", Nicholas Goldberg (01/06/2023)
 - "The Supreme Court didn't further eviscerate voting rights", Erwin Chemerinsky (08/06/2023)
- *Newsweek*
 - "The Winner of the Debt Ceiling Deal Is Undoubtedly Kevin McCarthy. Maybe the GOP Can Lead After All", Ari Hoffman (31/05/2023)

- *NPR*
- “Immigration fraud case brings tough First Amendment questions to the Supreme Court”, Nina Totenberg (27/03/2023)
- *Politico*
- “I Don’t Mourn the Queen”, Kehinde Andrews (13/09/2022)
- “If You’re Breathing a Sigh of Relief About the Midterms, Just Wait”, Jeff Greenfield (09/11/2022)
- *San Francisco Chronicle*
- “No, ‘wokeness’ isn’t the reason Silicon Valley Bank collapsed”, Justin Ray (15/03/2023)
- “State must set up local governments to fight poverty”, Joe Mathews (28/05/2023)
- *The Conversation (UK)*
- “Labour take note: red-wall voters want an ambitious plan for renewal – not tough talk and flag waving”, James Morrison (10/05/2023)
- “What’s a Luddite? An expert on technology and society explains”, Andrew Maynard (12/05/2023)
- *The Daily Mail*
- “No miniskirts. No railing about being a working mother.”, Amanda Foreman (17/09/2022)
- “Strike-hit NHS hospital has to SHUT intensive care beds after nurses ignored union’s last-minute plea to offer ‘life and limb’ care during today’s unprecedented walk-out”, Shaun Wooller (02/05/2023)
- *The Economist*
- “God’s pronouns are causing conniptions in Britain” (02/03/2023)
- *The Financial Times*
- “Britain’s love of tradition comes at a price”, Janan Ganesh (20/09/2022)
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- *The Guardian*
- “A streak of extremism’: US book bans may increase in 2023”, Adam Gabbatt (22/12/2022)
- “Joe Biden ends Ireland tour with passionate address to thousands”, Rory Carroll and Lisa O’Carroll (14/04/2023)
- “Can Extinction Rebellion really be the new centre ground of the climate movement?”, Ellie Mae O’Hagan (24/04/2023)
- “Let’s teach children about slavery properly by connecting it to our present”, Lola Okolosie (18/05/2023)
- *The Herald (Glasgow)*
- “Nicola Sturgeon resigns as First Minister after nine years”, Gabriel McKay (15/02/2023)
- *The Hill*
- “Pro-life movement is the dog that caught the car”, B.J. Rudell (20/04/2023)
- *The Houston Chronicle*
- “End Confederate Heroes Day. And don’t stop there”, the Editorial Board (19/01/2023)

- “After Allen shooting, Abbott should unite Texans not inflame anti-immigrant fears”, the Editorial Board (10/05/2023)
 - *The Independent*
- “The purpose of Rishi Sunak’s new anti-strike laws is obvious”, Phil McDuff (08/01/2023)
 - *The Irish Examiner*
- “Good Friday Agreement changed history, Mitchell tells anniversary event”, Jonathan McCambridge, David Young and Catherine Wylie (17/04/2023)
 - *The National Review*
- “No.”, the Editorial Board (15/11/2022)
 - *The New Statesman*
- “Stop dithering, British Museum – give the Elgin Marbles back”, Andrew Marr (10/01/2023)
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- “G.O.P. State Lawmakers Push a Growing Wave of Anti-Transgender Bills”, Maggie Astor (30/01/2023)
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- “Biden Should Take Voters’ Concerns About Age Seriously”, the Editorial Board (22/04/2023)
 - *The Observer*
- “Farewell, racial stereotypes. Now we have the true tale of an Indian princess turned suffragette”, Anjali Mohindra (21/05/2023)
 - *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- “Bullet-resistant shields in schools underscore a societal failure”, the Editorial Board (27/12/2022)
 - *The Scotsman*
- “Our weak political class shows us the need for a new Scottish Enlightenment”, Susan Dalgety (10/06/2023)
 - *The Spectator*
- “The UK can’t ignore Scotland’s gender recognition Bill”, Debbie Hayton (10/01/2023)
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 - “Ireland’s migrant hypocrisy”, Ian O’Doherty (11/06/2023)
- “Now Keir Starmer should disavow Critical Race Theory”, Tom Harris (12/12/2022)
 - *The Telegraph*
- “Seven PMs lead tributes as Betty Boothroyd dies aged 93”, Camilla Tominey (29/03/2023)
 - “The ‘anti-racist’ mission to destroy Britain is working – and we have surrendered”, Robert Tombs (10/04/2023)
- “Roald Dahl ebooks ‘force censored versions on readers’ despite backlash”, Ben Ellery and James Beal (25/02/2023)
 - *The Times*

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- “Low-income communities need affordable energy, not Biden’s ‘environmental justice’”, Daren Bakst and Donna Jackson (04/06/2023)

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- “Teacher strikes: Unions team up in England pay dispute”, Hazel Shearing (29/04/2023)

- *Church Times*
- "Bishops criticise Government’s Bill to restrict strike action", Francis Martin (28/03/2023)

- *National Review*
- "The Catharsis Candidacy", Michael Brendan (31/05/2023)

- *The Conversation*
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 - “The Buffalo Massacre Happened A Year Ago — And Racism Is Still Very Much Alive In The City”, Phillip Jackson (14/05/2023)

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 - “The age of greedflation”, Will Dunn (31/05/2023)

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 - “Trump Angst Grips Republicans (Again) as 2024 Announcement Looms”, Lisa Lerer and Reid J. Epstein (12/11/2022)
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 - “We Elected Biden to Be Better Than This”, Mona Charen (14/01/2023)

Série : Sciences Humaines

▪ Analyse d'un texte hors programme

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 - "Will UK royals follow the Danish downsizing?", Sean Coughlan (06/10/2022)
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 - "How Finnish schools teach every child to spot fake news – and what UK parents could learn from them", Ian Birrell (24/05/2023)
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