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GCSE (9–1) English Language

J351/01 Communicating information and ideas

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Text: adapted from *Narrative of the Life of An American Slave*

Author: Frederick Douglass (1845)

Text 2

Text: adapted from *Ex Libris*

Author: Michiko Kakutani (2020)

Text 1

Frederick Douglass wrote an account of his life which included his early life as a slave. In this extract he has been bought by a new family.

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Text 2

Michiko Kakutani wrote a book about 100 books she thought everyone should read. In this extract from the introduction, she explains why books were so important to her when she was younger, and why everyone should love books.

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¹ recess – break time

² catalyse – make a chemical reaction work more quickly

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