



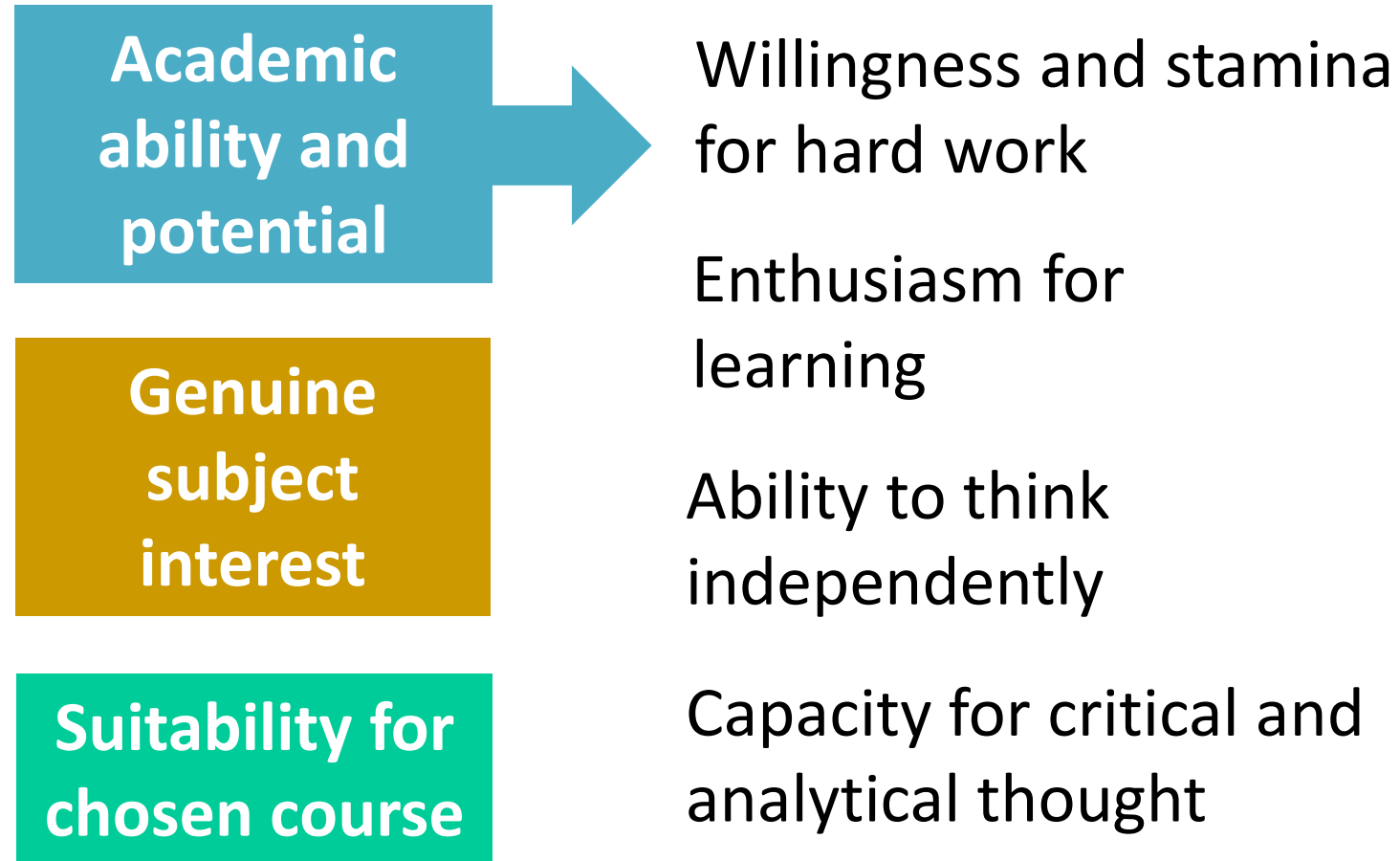
# Exploring beyond the syllabus

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# What are competitive universities looking for?



# **Super-curricular activities**

Activities that you do  
outside of school  
that are to do with  
your subject

# *What* are super curricular activities?

- Summer schools
- Work experience
- Public lectures
- Voluntary work
- Competitions
- Enrichment activities in the local area – publicly accessible opportunities
- Read newspapers, journals, books

# *Why* do super-curricular activities?

**1. Choosing your subject**

**2. Writing your Personal Statement**

**3. Interview and admissions tests**

**4. Studying at University**

*How*

do I do super-  
curricular activities?

**First things first...**

**It's not just about  
filling your head  
with facts.**

**Always  
ask  
questions**



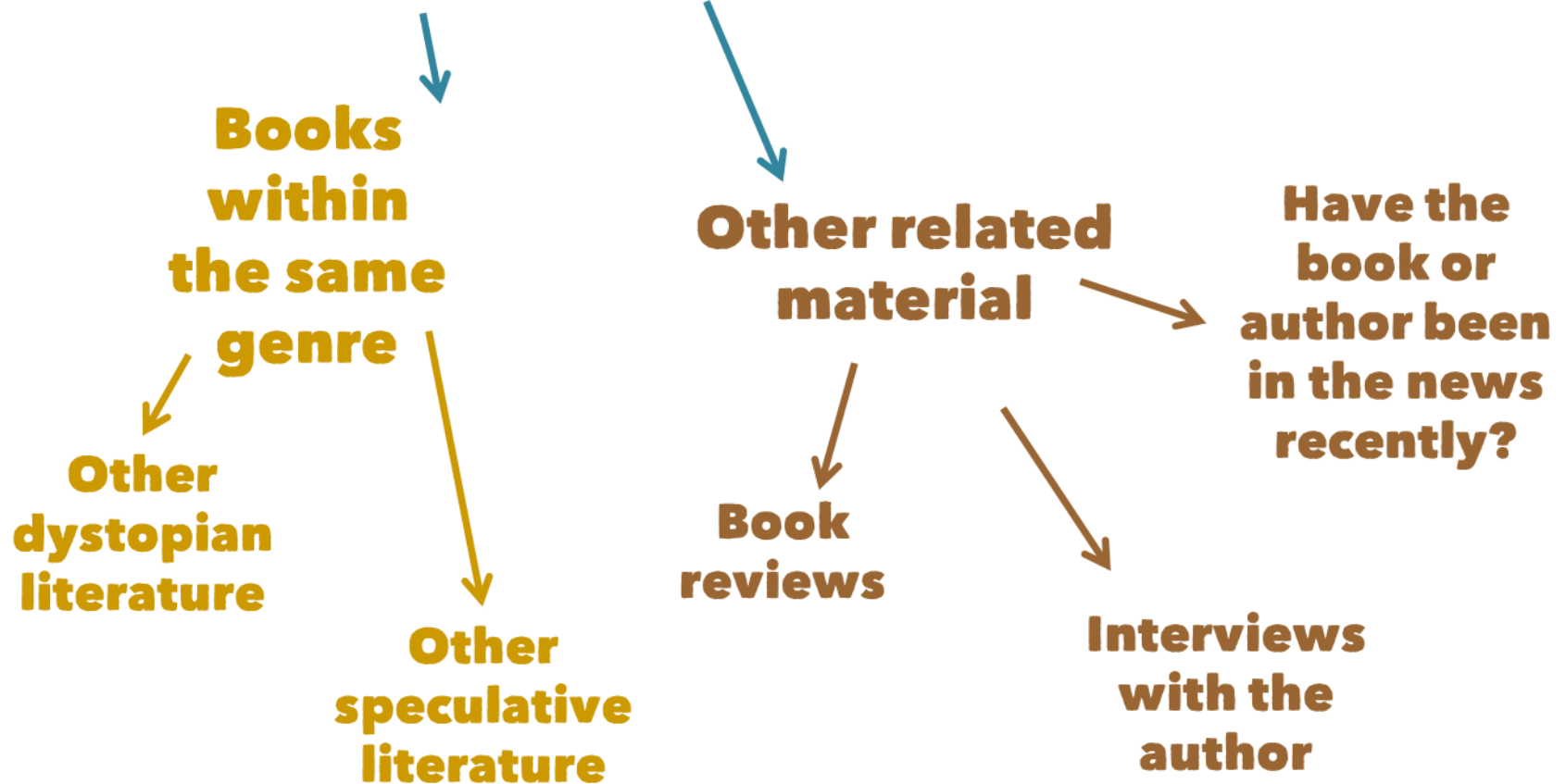


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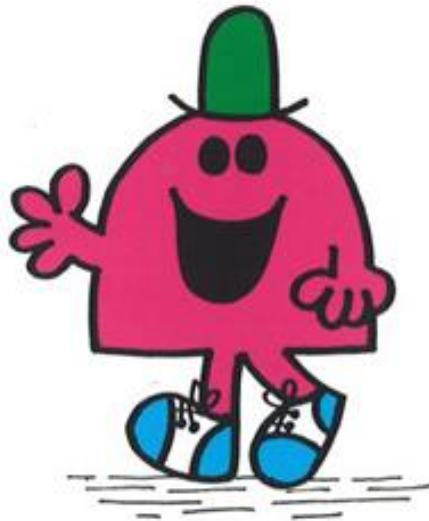
*Margaret Atwood*  
**The Handmaid's  
Tale**

**Other books by  
Margaret  
Atwood**



# And talk about your subject!

**MR. CHATTER**  
*by Roger Hargreaves*  
**BOX**



# Wider reading

*The Social Worker* – Clement Attlee ●

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS BY ROBERT BOYLE

The SCREWTAPE Letters

*The Necessity of Atheism.*

METAPHYSICS

● BOOK OF CURIOSITIES

*The Bodleian Library*



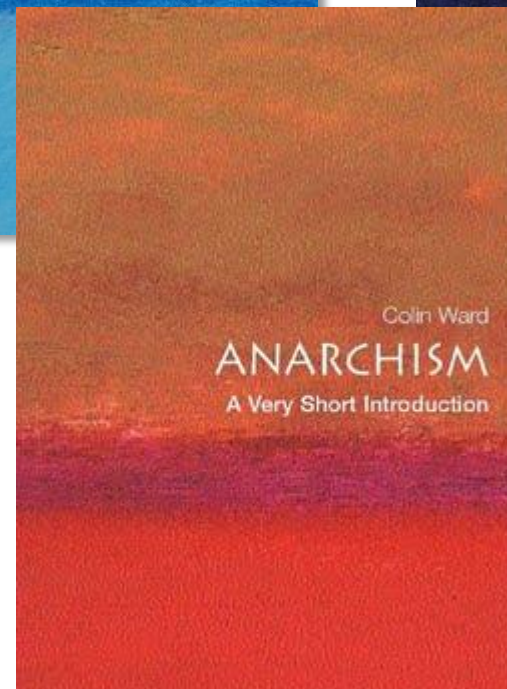
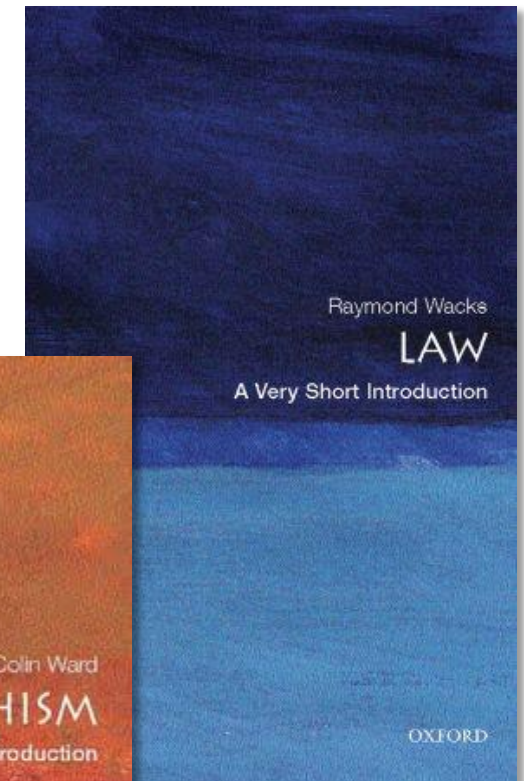
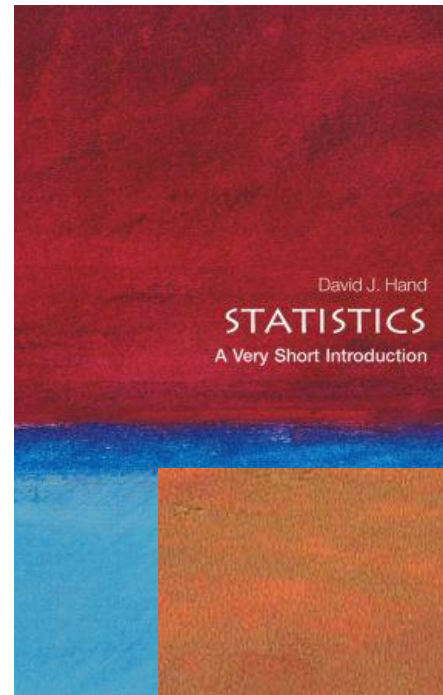
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**Recommendations  
from friends,  
family, teachers**

**University reading  
lists**



# Very Short Introductions

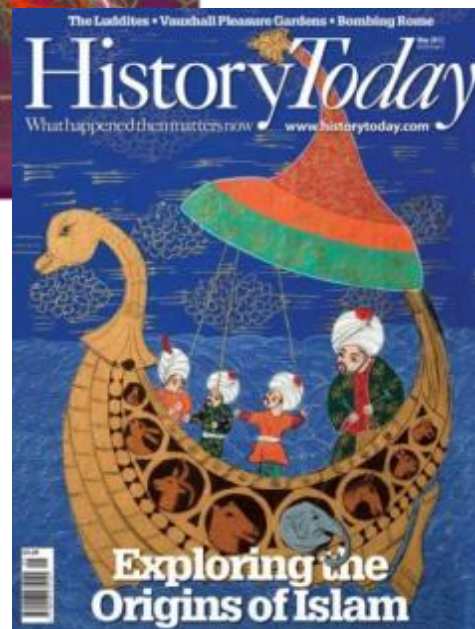




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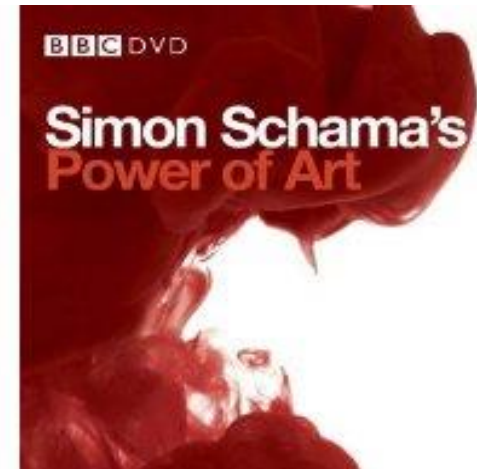
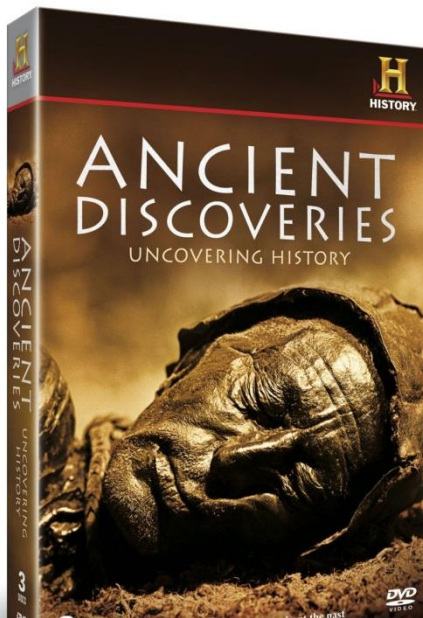
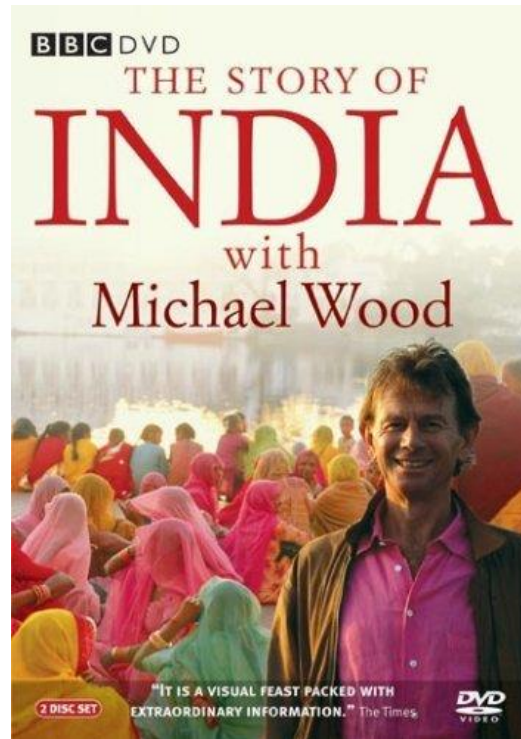
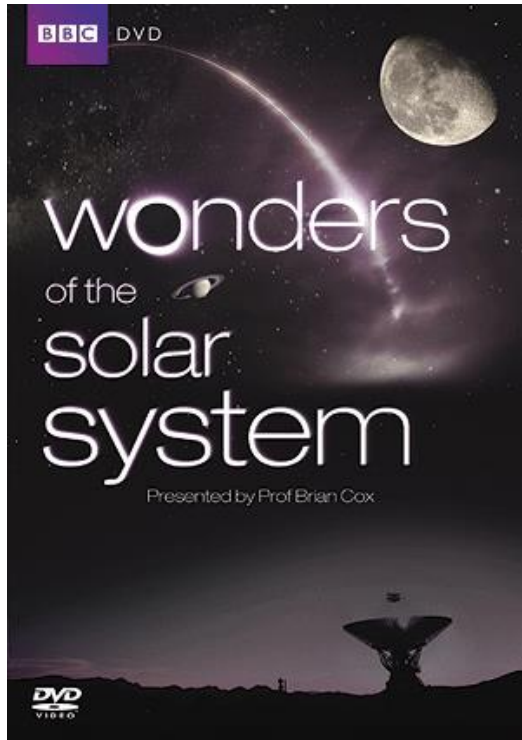


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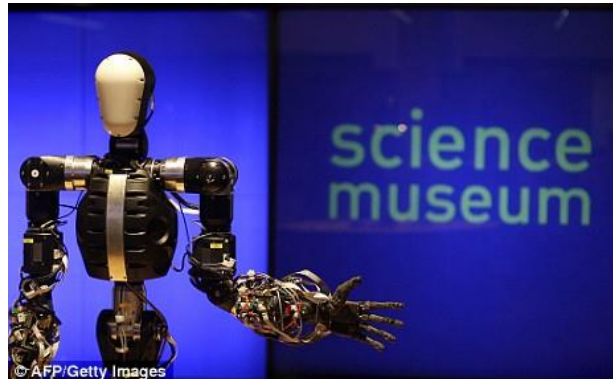
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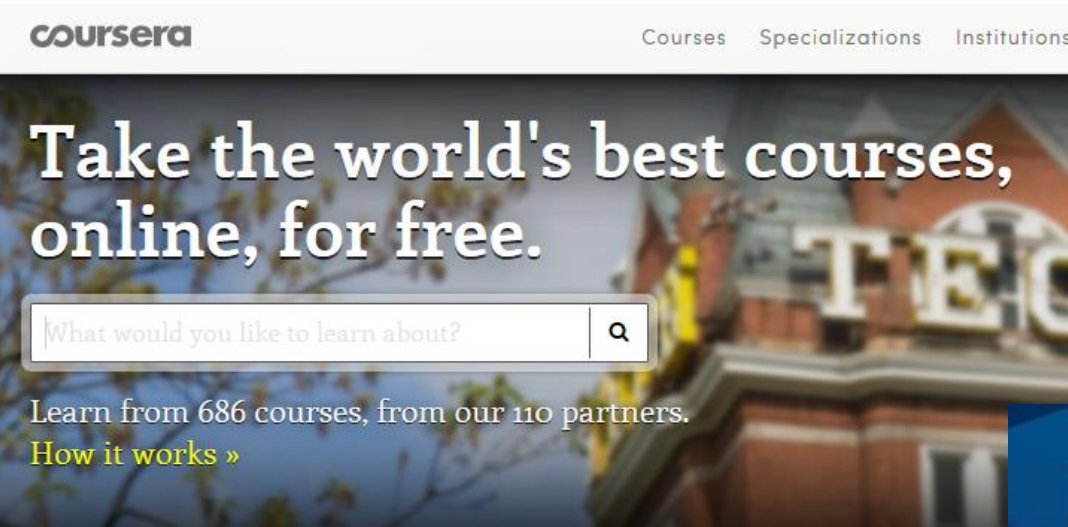


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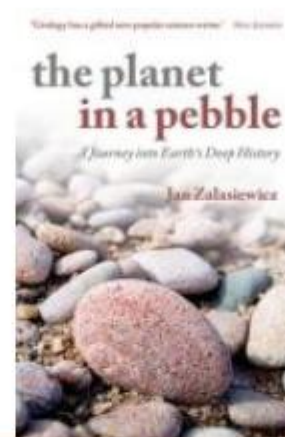
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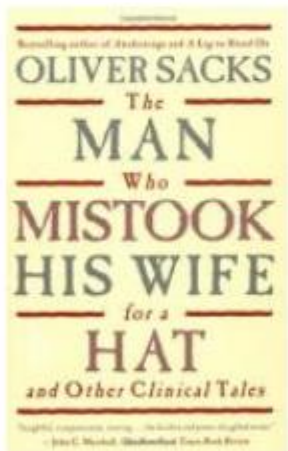
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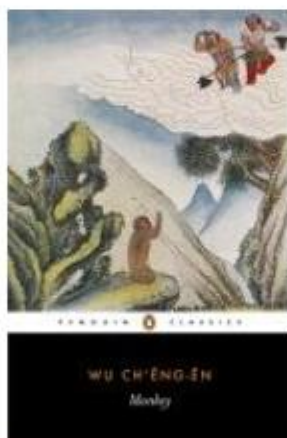
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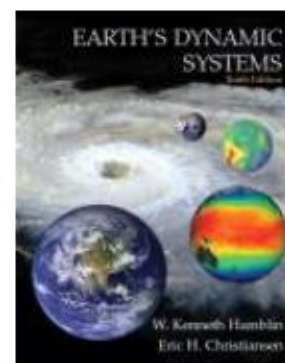
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