

How Listening to Podcasts Helps Students Read and Learn

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High school English teacher [Michael Godsey's](#) favorite work by William Shakespeare is Hamlet. But a few years ago, he [stopped teaching](#) his students about the centuries-old classic in favor of a story that was unfolding in the fall of 2014: [Serial](#), the podcast.

When he first started teaching with podcasts, students were applying English Language Arts critical thinking skills to podcast episodes, much like they would after reading a book. However, the more he taught with podcasts, he began to discover that his students were learning in ways he hadn't anticipated.

Godsey developed [lesson plans](#) for [teaching with podcasts](#) and started hearing from teachers around the country about how podcasts were getting students excited about learning again.

For a list of other education podcasts you may want to use with learners, visit [16 Education Podcasts to Check Out in 2017](#)

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