
A Level English Literature Pre-Course Summer Tasks

Welcome to A Level English Literature! Over the summer we want you to enjoy some quality reading, exploring the world of books beyond the confines of GCSE and pushing yourself to get to know authors that maybe you haven't yet come across. We've put together a reading list to give you some idea of where to start; you'll need to research and browse a lot of the titles to get a sense of which might suit you best and some of it will be trial and error, but what we need to see is that you have a love of reading and that you're independent and brave enough to work at books that might seem unfamiliar or tricky to begin – these are often the ones that have the most to offer!

So, what do we need you to do?

TASK 1

Please read *at least two* books from the reading list.

- They should be books you've not yet read
- One needs to be from the dystopia list and one must be pre-2000

TASK 2

Complete a book review sheet for every book you read from our list plus any of your own summer reading choices. You'll need to bring these reviews to our first lessons in September when we discuss our summer reading.

TASK 3

Write an essay discussing how a key character or theme is presented in one of the texts you have read from the reading list.

- Start with a short introduction and end with a short conclusion
- Consider how the character or theme is presented throughout the text (you could break it down into the beginning, middle and end)
- Use evidence from the text to support your ideas
- Write approximately 700 words

Please Note:

- Word process work wherever possible
- All work must be completed and handed in during your first week back in September
- We want to see what you think and how you approach texts. Online research is fine (but by no means necessary) but you must not copy and paste from the internet.
- Please provide a list of any secondary sources used (anything other than the text), for example websites or study guides.