



SUBJECT: English Literature A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:

AQA 7712 / QAN: 60153271

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

This qualification is linear. Students will study six texts in detail and two independently chosen for coursework. Texts are selected from a wide range of periods (including Pre 1900) and include fiction and non-fiction.

Paper One:

Study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text, of which one must be written pre-1900, and one Shakespeare play.

Examination will include two unseen poems.

Paper Two:

Study of three texts: one prose, one poetry, and one drama, of which one must be written post-2000.

Examination will include an unseen extract.

Coursework will consist of one extended essay (2500 words) and a bibliography.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

English Literature involves the study of prose, poetry and drama texts from a range of periods and genres. It explores the methods and choices made by authors and how these decisions are affected by the historical and social contexts. It also requires students to consider carefully the way they present, organise and express their thoughts.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level>

The British Library: <https://www.bl.uk/>

Litcharts: www.litcharts.com/

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Assessed written exam: 3 hours (open book in Section C only) 75 marks 40%. Paper 2: Assessed written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes open book. 75 marks 40%. Non-exam coursework: Independent Critical Study: Texts across Time. Comparative critical study of two texts: Assessed by teachers, moderated by AQA 50 marks 20%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

English Literature is a well-recognised and respected course and is identified as a key facilitating subject by the Russell Group of Elite Universities.

Students are expected to purchase their own copies of the texts studied.

	<p>SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Students need to have a grade 6 or better in both GCSE English Language and English Literature. <i>The student must enjoy reading</i> and be aware that essay writing is a key feature of this course.</p>
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