

English Literature

Summer work



AQA LitB

A Level English Literature

Pre-course preparation work.

You are required to read at least two of the following texts:

William Shakespeare *King Lear*

William Shakespeare *Hamlet*

William Shakespeare *Richard II*

Tennessee Williams *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Arthur Miller *All My Sons*

Thomas Hardy *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*

Kazuo Ishiguro *The Remains of the Day*

Thomas Hardy 'A Sunday Morning Tragedy', 'At an Inn', 'Tess's Lament', 'Under the waterfall', 'Lament', 'Rain on a Grave', 'Your Last Drive', 'The Going', 'The Haunter', 'At Castle Boterel', 'A Trampwoman's Tragedy', 'The Frozen Greenhouse', 'The Forbidden Banns', 'The Mock Wife', 'The Flower's Tragedy', 'After a Journey', 'The Newcomer's Wife'

Chaucer's *Prologue: The Monk's Tale*.

You will be at an advantage if you also read at least one of these novels.

Kate Atkinson *When Will There Be Good News?*

Agatha Christie *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*

Charles Dickens *Oliver Twist*

Graham Greene *Brighton Rock*

Ian McEwan *Atonement*

You also need to produce a piece of research of at least 2 sides A4 (in your own words) into Aristotle's theories of Tragedy.

This will be handed in during the first lesson.

Texts for the Year 12 Tragedy course.

You will be at an advantage if you have read the set texts:

*Shakespeare – *'Othello'*

*Drama text – *'Death of a Salesman'* – Arthur Miller

*Pre 1900 literature - Keats Selection – *'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'*, *'Isabella or The Pot of Basil'* *'Lamia'*, *'The Eve of St Agnes'*.

If you purchase your own copies of the plays these can be annotated and used for revision. We can provide photocopies of the poems.



