

ENGLISH LITERATURE

AWARDING BODY AQA



Course Specification link:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-literature-a-7711-7712/introduction>

Brief outline of course

Our A Level Literature course is an exciting way to engage with a wide range of texts across different genres and times. Students will learn the importance of a text's context as they study the content. The course offers freedom for individual text choices, as well as providing students with a core of literature for assessment. The course is centred around two themes, *Love Through the Ages* and *Modern Literature from 1945*, with a focus literature from pre and post 1900.

Paper 1: Love through the ages - Study of three texts: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, alongside a collection of poetry from pre-1900. *Othello* by William Shakespeare. Examination will include two unseen poems. Assessed - written exam: 3 hours - open book in Section C only - 75 marks - 40% of A-level

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts - Option 2B: Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day. Study of three texts: *Skirrid Hill* – a collection a poetry by Owen Sheers, *A Street Car Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams together with *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Examination will include an unseen extract. Assessed - written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes - open book - 75 marks - 40% of A-level

Non-exam assessment: Independent critical study: texts across time. Comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900. One extended essay (2500 words) and a bibliography. Assessed - 50 marks - 20% of A-level - assessed by teachers - moderated by AQA

Are you interested in:

- Reading
- Analysing texts
- Finding and discussing techniques used by writers
- Using context to inform your reading
- Independent interpretations
- Exploring authorial intent

Leading to a career in:

- Media
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Publishing
- Teaching
- Writing

Subject Entry Criteria

GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6

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