

Subject	English Literature A Level
Context	On this course you will study a range of texts, prose, poetry and drama. These can be read as iBooks, but students of literature <u>need to get paper versions</u> to annotate personally. Written texts often contain helpful additional study notes.
Securing	<p><u>TASK ONE:</u> Please read the novels* before the course starts, plus any other texts you wish to read.</p> <p>The texts are: “The Great Gatsby”* F Scott Fitzgerald “Othello” by William Shakespeare. (We recommend the Cambridge edition.) “The Picture of Dorian Gray”* Oscar Wilde “A Streetcar Named Desire” Tennessee Williams 1 pre-1900 poetry collection – to be supplied by school “The Handmaid’s Tale”* by Margaret Atwood “Feminine Gospels” poetry by Carol Ann Duffy</p> <p>In addition, you may wish to view any film versions of these texts.</p>
Processing	<p>The course is taught by two teachers. We will begin with studying “Othello” by Shakespeare and “A Streetcar Named Desire” by Tennessee Williams.</p> <p><u>TASK TWO</u></p> <p>a) You need to complete an A4 page fact file on life, society and politics in Shakespeare’s time.</p> <p>b) Create a second one, with the same focus, on the decade 1940-1950. This will introduce your study of “Streetcar.”</p>
Exploring	<p>During the course, we will ask you to read and research critical views of these texts.</p> <p>You may find online and published AQA Guides, Advanced York notes and Phillip Allan published and online guides helpful. The British Library website is full of reputable research articles.</p> <p>To widen your appreciation of the texts you could read other texts from similar genres and/or writing by the same authors.</p>
Reviewing	<p>Bring your context notes and your copies of ‘Othello’ and ‘Streetcar’ to your first lessons. Be prepared to feedback on your research and wider reading.</p> <p>Reflect on what you have learned through this work by doing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Note down 5 new things that you found most interesting · What did you find most challenging and what did you feel most confident with? · Write down 3 questions that you would like to ask your teacher about the topic area(s) that you have been introduced to.