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Welcome to A level English Literature

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AQA English Literature linear A level - B syllabus

Why study English Literature?

Do you like reading different novels, stories, plays and poems? Do you enjoy getting to know interesting characters, times and places, exploring the ways writers present them? Are you happy to discuss and debate yours and others' views and interpretations? Do you enjoy working in groups, reading closely, researching and presenting your findings? Do you like watching plays and DVDs? If you answered 'yes' to these questions, then English Literature sounds just the subject for you!

What is the course like?

The AQA syllabus we follow is focused on the concept of literary genre. As well as studying the texts as individual texts, we look at how they can be categorised within genres.

There are two final exams at the end of the course each worth 40% of the entire A level.

Paper 1 - Aspects of Tragedy

Paper 2 - Elements of Political and Social Protest Writing

What is the course like?

The two exams cover the two genres of:

- Tragedy
- Political and Social Protest writing.

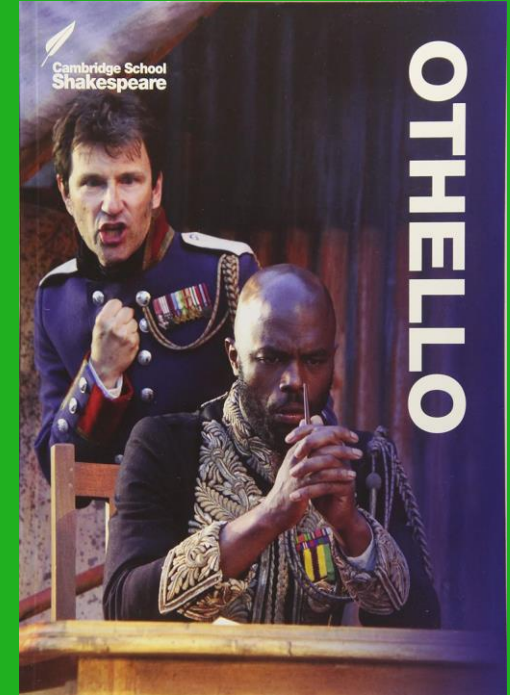
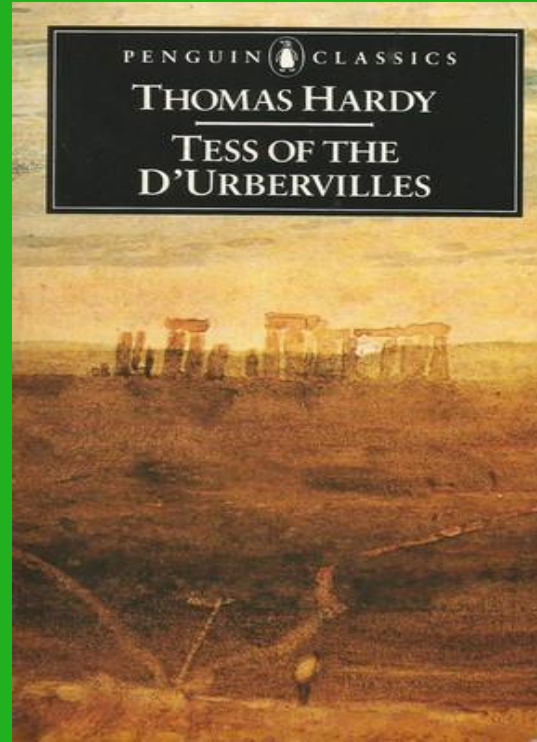
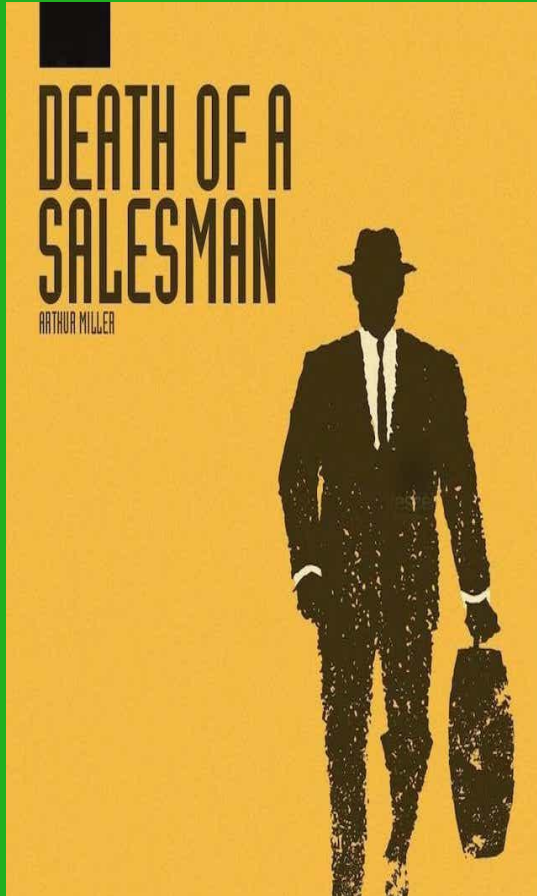
There are also two NEA essays worth 10% each. These allow you to explore your own choice of text and to consider how different literary theories such as feminism or Post - colonial criticism might be applied to texts.

What texts will we study?

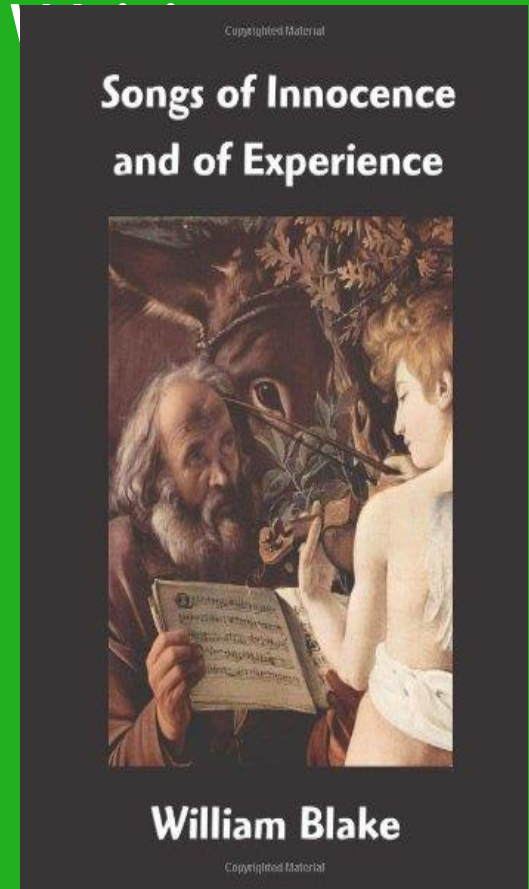
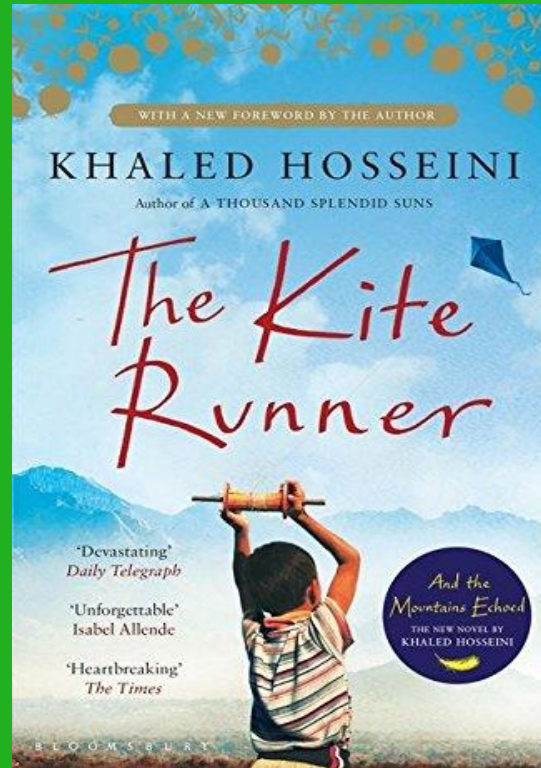
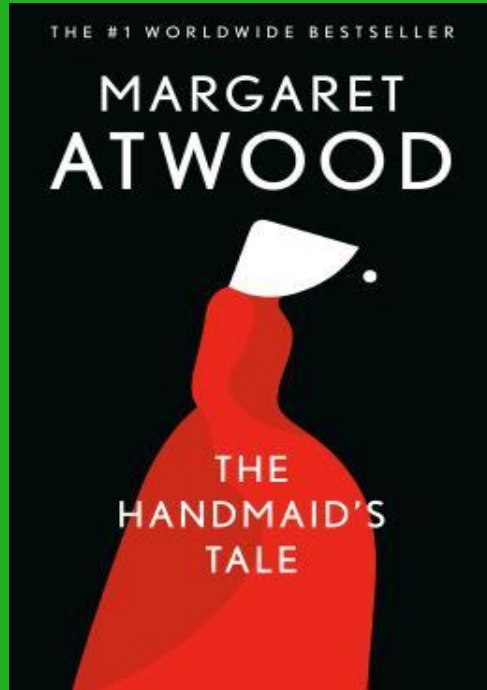
As well as the texts for your NEA essays - 1 of which you can choose independently - there are three texts for each exam.

We study three in Year 12 and three in Year 13.

Aspects of Tragedy



Political and Social Protest



What other A level subjects complement English Literature?

- History
- Drama
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Media Studies
- Sociology
- MFL
- Psychology

Further study or possible career paths

English Literature is a highly regarded academic A level which is greatly valued by universities.

If you think you may like to study English at university or as joint Honours with another subject like History or Philosophy, many universities will expect you to have studied English Literature at A level.

It is also very useful for study/careers in Law, History, Politics, publishing, journalism, teaching.

What skills will I need?

English Literature allows you to develop key skills that all universities and employers look for.

These include:

- Communication skills - both written and verbal
- Analytical skills
- Research skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Emotional sensitivity
- Planning and organisational skills
- Increased vocabulary
- Critical thinking and evaluative skills

Questions or more information

For further information or to ask specific, individual questions, please speak to me or Miss Curtis at school.

There is more information on the course available in the Sixth Form Prospectus.