



A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

What are the entry requirements?

Minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English and English Literature.

What does the course involve?

You will be encouraged to develop a love of English Literature through a programme of wide, critical and independent reading of texts which span the centuries. You will become a more perceptive reader as you study and discuss texts from a range of genres and learn about the way writers use language, form and structure to manipulate meaning.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Love through the Ages:

- 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**
- 3 hour exam
- Open book in Section C
- 75 marks
- 40% of A Level

Section A: Shakespeare (Othello)

One passage-based question with linked essay (no book) **(25 marks)**

Section B: Unseen Poetry

Compulsory essay question on **two** unseen poems **(25 marks)**

Section C: Comparing Texts

One essay question linking two texts (**The Great Gatsby** and **two** pre-1900 poems from **anthology**) **(25 marks)**

Paper 2: Texts in Shared Contexts

- Options 2B: Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day
- Study of three texts: **one prose**, **one poetry**, and **one drama**, of which one must be written **post-2000**
- Examination will include an unseen prose extract
- **2 hours 30 mins** exam
- Open book
- 75 marks
- **40% of A level**

Section A: Set texts (Feminine Gospels, The Handmaids Tale, A Streetcar Named Desire) One essay question on one set text **(25 marks)**



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How will I be assessed? Continued

Section B: Contextual linking: one compulsory question on an **unseen extract (25 marks)** and one essay question linking the **two texts** you didn't write about in section A **(25 Marks)**

Non-exam assessment (20%)

Comparative critical study of **two texts**, at least one of which must have been written **pre-1900**. One extended essay (**2500 words**) and bibliography

- 50 marks
- **20% of A level**
- Assessed by teacher
- Moderated by AQA

Progression

A Level English can be used as part of the entry requirements for any degree course. People who study it often go on to careers in journalism, Law, teaching and business

Who can I ask to find out more about the course?

Mr Sheppard or Any English teacher!