



English Literature GCSE

Examination and Revision Information

Examination Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AQA GCSE English Literature (8702)
Number of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel• Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry
Structure of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: Section A: essay question on a Shakespeare play (e.g. 'Macbeth') with an extract to analyse and relate to the whole play; Section B: essay on a 19th century novel (e.g. 'A Christmas Carol') - 1 hour 45 mins• Paper 2: Section A: essay question on a modern text (e.g. 'An Inspector Calls'); Section B: essay on Poetry Anthology – 'Power and Conflict' section; Unseen poetry (analyse one poem and then compare with a second)
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two year, linear curriculum• The qualification is 100% examination based.• Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) are awarded on Paper 1 and Paper 2.• Exams are 'closed text' – no copy of the text in the exam so quotes/ references need to be learned
Where could I find past papers and mark schemes?	<p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources</p>
What are the best websites to help me revise this subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Bruff's You Tube channel – Videos on all of the Literature texts studied to provide extensive revision https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff?app=desktop• BBC Bitesize website – All Literature texts https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx• Support for all three of the papers can be found on your class Teams page
Link to revision guide:	<p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/English-Literature-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782944133/ref=asc_df_1782944133/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=310977458808&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=11113329617257122186&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1006948&hvtargid=pla-618066103807&psc=1&th=1&psc=1</p>
What are the best ways to revise for this subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise books and handout given by teachers e.g. key quotes to learn, writer's themes, feedback on essays and exams.• Re-read (or watch) the text. Versions of 'Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'An Inspector Calls' are available online.• Use the websites given above – Mr Bruff is really useful.• Self-Testing: Use flash cards to cover past topics. There are already lots of flash cards for the course on the following website: https://www.brainscape.com/• Seneca Learning: An excellent resource that covers the content of the course. Sign up here: https://www.senecalearning.com/