



A Level English Language-Literature Reading and Resource List

Exam board resources:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-and-literature-7706-7707>

Core texts required throughout the course these are available on Parent Pay / Amazon / in most book shops:

The text you will need for the start of the course in September:

'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald
ISBN-13: 978-1853260414

Other texts you will need later on in the course:

'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams
ISBN-13: 978-0141190273

'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood
ISBN-13: 978-1784873189

(Please make sure that you purchase these exact editions as these are the editions prescribed by the exam board.)

Other requirements:

Students will need:

- Two A4 lever arch folders: one for each teacher.
- A set of highlighter pens.
- A set of subject dividers so that you can organise the notes in your folders.

Wider reading to support independent study:

Students are strongly advised to consult a range of titles from the list below, many of which are available either new or second-hand online, for example on a website such as Amazon, or to loan from the Hive Library:

Additional reading to support the NEA / development of background knowledge:

-*The Language of Literature: An Introduction to Stylistics* by M. Giovanelli

-*A/AS Level English Language and Literature for AQA Student Book* by M. Giovanelli

-*Textual Intervention, Critical and Creative Strategies for Literary Studies* by R. Pope

-*Style in Fiction: A Linguistic Introduction to English Fictional Prose* by G. Leech & M. Short

-*Exploring the Language of Poems, Plays and Prose* by M. Short

-*Stylistics: A Resource Book for Students* by P. Simpson

Revision and study guides for the key course texts:

-A Streetcar Named Desire: York notes for A level

-*Study and Revise for AS / A level: A Streetcar Named Desire* by Nicola Onyett

-The Handmaid's Tale: York notes for A level

-*Study and Revise for AS / A level: The Handmaid's Tale* by Nicola Onyett

-The Great Gatsby: York notes for A level

-*Study and Revise for AS / A level: The Great Gatsby* by Anne Crow

Journals:

Online journals

The English and Media Centre:

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/emag-login>

A range of useful articles, publications and resources.

Language and Literature:

<http://lal.sagepub.com>

'Language and Literature' is an international peer-reviewed journal that covers the latest research in stylistics, defined as the study of style in literary and non-literary language.

International Journal of English Language and Linguistics Research:

<http://www.eajournals.org/journals/international-journal-of-english-language-and-linguistics-research-ijellr/>

An international peer-reviewed journal focused on linguistics research.

These websites are updated regularly with interesting articles about language diversity and the use of language in our society today:

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/language>

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language+science/language>

<https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/language-and-languages>

<https://thedefinitearticle.aqa.org.uk/about-the-definite-article/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/travel-writing>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/travel-tips-and-articles/five-expert-tips-for-getting-started-in-travel-writing/40625c8c-8a11-5710-a052-1479d277a4ab>

<https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/themes/visions-of-the-future>

<https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/themes/reading-and-print-culture>

Useful online revision sites:

Revision material on spoken language:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/exploring/drama_mediumrev8.shtml

<http://dialectblog.com/2011/01/28/dialect-vs-accent/>

<https://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects>

<http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/lang/britishisles.htm>

All of these websites have notes and revision resources on all of the key texts which are part of the course:

<https://www.shmoop.com/>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/sparknotes/>

https://getrevising.co.uk/resources/the_great_gatsby_whole_book_analysis

<https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/english-literature/handmaids-tale>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbCEAmden-c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdzJD7d624c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9G7IU8J21Y>

