

How can you revise for English Language and Literature?

Knowledge about your English GCSEs

• Every student will be sitting four exams:

English Language: 2 papers

English Literature: 2 papers

1 extended writing

question

Every student sits the same exam papers – no tiered exams.

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1 extended writing



1 short comparison of

Poem 1 and Poem 2.

Language Paper 1 Language Paper 2 Literature Paper 1 Literature paper 2 **Section A: Reading Section A: Reading** 19th Century novel **Shakespeare** One literature fiction text One non-fiction text and 'A Christmas Carol' by 'Romeo and Juliet' **Charles Dickens** 1 extract essay question 4 questions one literary non-fiction text 4 questions 1 extract essay question **Section B: Writing Section B: Writing** Modern prose/drama **Unseen Poetry** 1 extended essay on Poem Descriptive or narrative Writing to present a 'Animal Farm' by George viewpoint (letters, articles, Orwell OR 'Pigeon English' writing

by Stephen Kelman

1 essay question

Revision Strategies

- Read and re-read the literature texts
- Practice **past papers** by writing in timed conditions without any electronic distractions full answers.
- Create short summary flashcards theme/character
- Memorising core quotations (aim at 15-20 in total)
- Teach/talk to someone about the texts you are studying.
- Read regularly fiction and non-fiction (newspaper articles, opinion pieces...). Try newspaper websites for The Guardian, The Independent and Huffington Post.
- Learn language and structural techniques to look for in both the texts you've studied and unseen texts.
- Practise writing descriptively, using a range of language and structural techniques in your writing.





Revision guides...

All available from Amazon and the CGP revision guide website

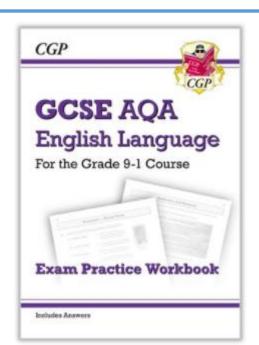
https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english

English Language

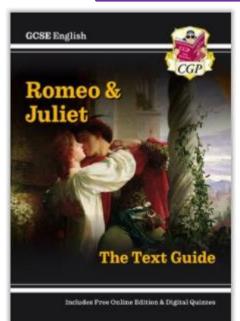
- CGP AQA English Language
- For the Grade 9-1 course (the most up-to-date version)

English Literature

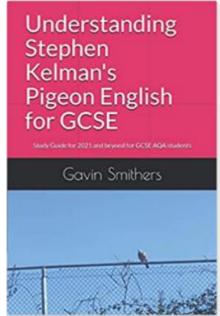
- CGP Text Guide
- Grade 9-1 Course (the most up-to-date versions)
- 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Romeo and Juliet' all students
- 'Animal Farm' OR 'Pigeon English' check with your child









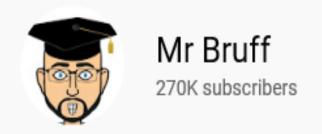


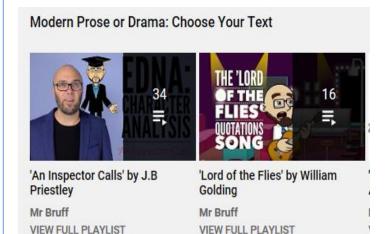


Useful YouTube resources for LITERATURE

Mr Bruff

- An excellent resource for helping you to improve your analysis of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Animal Farm'.
- Check out his videos on character analysis, key symbols and chapter/scene-by-scene analysis.
- There are also playlists which focus specifically on the AQA exam papers with exemplar full marks answers.
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w

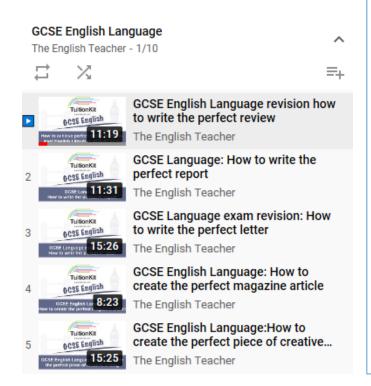






Useful YouTube resources for LANGUAGE





The English Teacher

- Very useful for fiction and non-fiction writing tips!
- Select the 'GCSE English Language' playlist
- Videos are 5-15 minutes long
- Not as jazzy as Mr Bruff and some videos are quite old but the Language playlist is still VERY relevant so don't be put off!
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEp3SR3KaDzg8jSe12tGnCg

BBC Bitesize GCSE English Language

 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/su bjects/zr9d7ty

Search: AQA

 Supports the reading and writing skills required for Language Paper 1 and Language Paper 2

Video resources and quizzes



Benefits

- ✓ Time efficient: can break down into small chunks (characters, themes, symbols...)
- ✓ Consolidates your learning in class
- ✓ Extends learning from class and helps you to think more deeply about the texts
- ✓ **Sharpens** the skills required for both GCSE Language and Literature

