

ENGLISH LITERATURE



STEP UP TO SIXTH FORM



KEY INFO:

Faculty: English

Course Title: A-Level English Literature

Exam Board: AQA

Course Textbook:

- A/AS Level English Literature B for AQA Student Book (A Level (AS) English Literature AQA) by Marcello Giovanelli, Carol Atherton, Andrew Green, Gary Snapper
- AQA English Literature B: A Level and AS (AQA A Level English Literature B) by Adrian Beard, Pete Buntun, Graham Elsdon, Alan Kent



ACTIVITIES:

1. Read *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene.
2. Read *Othello* by William Shakespeare. Afterwards, review Act 1, Scene 1 and **consider how Iago and Roderigo are presented**. Write a **summary** of what we learn about their characters.



WIDER READING:

- Tragedy: A Very Short Introduction by Adrian Poole
- An Introduction to Tragedy: <https://literariness.org/2018/07/23/tragedy-an-introduction/>
- Shakespearean Tragedy by A.C. Bradbury
- The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
- Tess of the d'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
- The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie
- When Will There Be Good News? By Kate Atkinson
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens



USEFUL ONLINE LINKS:

The BBC's Culture in Quarantine allows you to watch a number of Shakespeare plays for free: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089zds8/culture-in-quarantine-shakespeare>

The National Theatre have a number of online performances including Frankenstein and Treasure Island: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQjqw>

A helpful guide to understanding Othello, including a line-by-line translation: <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/othello/>

Online quizzes and revision: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/a-level-english-literature-revision/>

Look at what 10 classic novels tell us about society: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1vKxY08WT6TTv36JcV6T/living-together-what-10-classic-novels-tell-us-about-society>

A collection of online poetry and readings: <https://poetryarchive.org/poetry-archive-now/>

PODCASTS:

Approaching Shakespeare - University of Oxford analysis of Othello's race: <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/othello>

No Holds Bard - insights into Shakespeare's plays: www.noholdsbard.com/episodes/2017/6/14/nhb-067-so-youre-going-to-see-othello

Lend Me Your Ears - detailed analysis of Shakespeare's plays: <https://slate.com/culture/2018/09/lend-me-your-ears-em-othello-em.html>

The Shakespeare Sessions - a modern retelling of Othello: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08b2cgm

In Our Time - a discussion of the Romantic poets: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546ws

In Our Time - a discussion of the life of William Shakespeare: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00545dp

Archive on 4 - The Life of Arthur Miller: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b06hyxc6

NPR - An insight into Death of a Salesman's Willy Lowman: www.npr.org/books/titles/138258596/death-of-a-salesman?t=1589469184840

Great Lives - The Life of Graham Greene: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b012wjdl

Seneca - podcasts on the texts, characters and themes: <https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3luZm0vcy9hM2E0OGRjL3BvZGNhc3QvcnNz/episode/Njg4MTRlMzltNzU5MC04ODMxLWUzMzEtYTlkYzA1NDZjYmZk?ved=0CDkQzslCahcKEwiQ1tG0zLPpAhUAAAAAHQAAAAAQAO>

TV AND FILM:

- Bright Star (2009) (based on the life of John Keats)
- Brighton Rock (1948 and 2010)
- Atonement (2007)
- Wilde (based on the life of Oscar Wilde)
- The Happy Prince (based on the life of Oscar Wilde)
- The Handmaids Tale (2016) (dystopian fiction)
- 1984 (1984) (dystopian fiction)
- Othello (1995)
- Shakespeare in Love (1998) (a loose account of Shakespeare's life and the context of his plays)
- All Is True (2018) (The later life of William Shakespeare)
- Death of a Salesman (1985)
- The Great Gatsby (2013) (genre of tragedy)

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