

Revising English:

TOP TIPS FOR LITERATURE:

1. Knowing the texts here is key, so if you don't know them well enough already, re-read through the texts, watch GOOD adaptations (you might want to check with your English teacher which ones are best) and hit the study guides. Knowledge organisers for your key literature texts are at the back of this booklet.



2. In your exam, the likelihood is that you will be asked about **character**, **theme**, or a **combination of the two**. Make sure you have revised the characters and theme for Macbeth, An Inspector Class and A Christmas Carol. Making mind maps of the key characters and themes is a great way to get to know them ready for your exam

3. **KNOW YOUR QUOTES:** Make sure you have a bank of key quotes from each text that you can draw upon. These should be a mix of character and theme (your English teacher will help you with these).



Know what the exam board is asking you to do:

AO1 – Engage with the text and the task: this applies to ALL of your Literature texts. This means you need to know the text well and structure your response so that you are answering the question. (WHAT)

AO2 – Explore the author's methods (Language, structure or form). You must be able to articulate HOW the author conveys their ideas (HOW)

AO3 – Understand the context in which the text was written and the author's intent. WHY are these ideas important to the meaning behind the text. **NOTE:** You are NOT expected to know historical context for Unseen poetry, but you should know what the poet is trying to get across. (WHY)

TOP TIPS FOR LANGUAGE:

1. Read, read then read some more! The more widely and extensively you read, the better your understanding of texts will become. It will also hugely benefit your writing skills, particularly your vocabulary and crafting!
2. Make sure that you know what METHODS the authors are likely to use. This might be figurative language and narrative structure for paper 1. For paper 2; you might wish to identify persuasive devices and layout of the text. Practice how you might use these!
3. Practice your writing skills, there are lots of examples that you could use on Student shared>2024 Revision>English language. Peer-assess these, or show your English teacher for tips on how to improve
4. Use online testing platforms. Educake has loads of English Language reading practice tests that you can sit and get immediate feedback.



Know what the exam board is asking you to do in the READING SECTION:

AO1 – Engage with the text and the task: read the extract(s) carefully and form an informed opinion on what they are about and what ideas they are trying to convey (WHAT)

AO2 – Explore the author's methods (Language, structure or form). You must be able to articulate HOW the author conveys their ideas (HOW). Be aware that the different questions will ask you to focus on different aspects of methods. For example: Paper 1, Question 3 ONLY wants you to talk about STRUCTURE. Paper 1, Q2 and Paper 2, Q3 ONLY want you to analyse LANGUAGE. (This explores the HOW and the WHY)

AO3 – COMPARE writers ideas and perspective (ONLY used in Paper 2, Question 4)

AO4 – Evaluate texts critically – engage in debate (ONLY used in Paper 1, Question 4)

Know what the exam board is asking you to do in the WRITING SECTION: This is the same for BOTH papers, however paper 1 requires creative writing; paper 2 requires you to write non-fiction texts

AO5 – You must make sure you are writing for the correct purpose. Your writing should be interesting and engaging with a clear structure. You MUST use a range of rhetorical devices to demonstrate that you can CRAFT effectively. For paper 1, this might be GOMASSIVE. For paper 2 this should be AFORESTY devices.

AO6– Write with technical accuracy (SPAG). Use the most sophisticated vocabulary that you can and make sure you are using paragraphs

Places to revise:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>
- <https://www.educake.co.uk/>
- <https://www.cloud9englishclub.com/>
- <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/>
- https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+bruff
- <https://quizlet.com/search?query=literature&type=sets>
- Your GCP revision guides

Places where you can watch literature adaptations for free:

An Inspector Calls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXT0FgfrQWM>

Macbeth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7skhaOegpLA>

A Christmas Carol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PWqrZ3wIQ0>