



Revising for English Language and English Literature

Useful Websites:

Mr Bruff's YouTube Channel:

[Mr Bruff - YouTube](#)

BBC Bitesize:

[GCSE English Literature - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Stacey Reay's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@staceyreay>

SparkNotes for English Literature:

[SparkNotes: Today's Most Popular Study Guides](#)

Satchel One:

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

Key Dates

1. English Literature Paper 1: 13th May 2024 ('Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol')
2. English Literature Paper 2: 20th May 2024 ('An Inspector Calls', Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry)
3. English Language Paper 1: 23rd May 2024
4. English Language Paper 2: 6th June 2024

Remember that essential revision materials for English Literature have also been sent to you via Satchel One. You should be logging on regularly to check for homework tasks and revision resources that your teachers would like you to see.

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Revising for English Literature

GCSE English Literature can be a daunting subject, especially with the long texts you are expected to analyse. That's why revising early and getting plenty of practice is so important! Here are several ways you can revise for English Literature:

1. Draw **mind maps** about each character from the set texts, and include any key quotes and themes to use when writing about them.
2. Create **flashcards** to remember important quotes, techniques, and context points to support your answers.
3. Practise **planning essays** from past papers.
4. Get a friend or family member to ask you **questions** to test you on the set texts.
5. **Ask your teachers** for revision materials such as revision clocks, Venn diagrams (for comparing the P&C poems), deconstruction sheets and planning grids.

Revising for English Language

Like the Literature qualification, GCSE English Language is comprised of two papers. The first of these is on a previously unseen fiction extract and the second focuses on two non-fiction extracts, one of which will be from the 19th century.

- Make sure you are confident in your application of key subject terminology such as nouns, adjectives, metaphors and similes. Your teacher can provide you with a list of the different terms you need to understand.
- Make sure you understand what is meant by the structure of a text for paper 1, as this is a question with which many students struggle. Ask your teacher for help if you're not sure. You could even visit one of the websites listed above.
- Use past papers to help you practice responding to each question under timed conditions. You can obtain past papers from the school: ask your teacher or visit the English office. Alternatively, there is a link to past papers here on the right.
- Remember that the writing questions are worth 50% of each paper. For paper 1, you should practise writing creatively and descriptively using a range of prompts such as interesting photographs. Where Paper 2 is concerned, you may be asked to write a broadsheet article, an essay, a formal letter, a leaflet or a speech. You should be familiar with each of these formats and practise writing in response to different topics. Again, your teacher can provide you with past papers and/or a list of suggested topics.

Past Papers for English Language

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Have you done your Forms homework for English? These are essential tools for helping you revise. Check Satchel One for homework sent by Miss Duncombe!