

# A Level English

Hello and welcome to KS5 English.

All of the teachers in the English Department are passionate about great books and reading and you have to be too in order to be successful at A Level. So, just to make sure that the course is right for you, I've included a suggested reading list to give you something interesting and challenging to do over the summer. There really is something for everyone but you won't find any "easy reads". A Level Literature is a big jump from GCSE therefore it is a good idea to see the level of texts you will be expected to read, independently, over the next two years.

## **The Summer Reading Challenge**

Read, at least, **one** book from the list (they're all classics so are readily available from your local library), then choose your favourite and write a review of this text. It should include the name of the novel and its author, a brief synopsis, and your comments on the genre, characters, narrative technique and themes.

## **Equipment List for September:**

- Two ring binders, file dividers, A4 lined paper, highlighters, HB pencils and blue/black ink pens
- **In addition, you will be given a reading list, in September, of the text you will need to buy for the A Level course.**

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## Author

Jane Austen  
Charlotte Brontë  
Emily Brontë  
Angela Carter  
Joseph Conrad  
George Eliot  
Sebastian Faulkes  
E.M. Forster  
Elizabeth Gaskell  
William Golding  
Thomas Hardy  
Joseph Heller  
Aldous Huxley  
Henry James  
Franz Kafka  
D.H. Lawrence  
Harper Lee  
Ian McEwan  
George Orwell  
Mary Shelley  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Jonathan Swift  
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## Selection of Titles

Sense and Sensibility; Northanger Abbey;  
Jane Eyre  
Wuthering Heights  
Nights at The Circus  
Heart of Darkness; Lord Jim  
Adam Bede; Mill on the Floss;  
Birdsong  
Howard's End; Maurice; Room With a View  
Cranford; Mary Barton  
Lord of the Flies  
Tess of the d'Urbervilles  
Catch 22  
Brave New World  
Turn of the Screw  
Metamorphosis  
The Rainbow; Women in Love  
To Kill a Mocking Bird  
Atonement; Enduring Love  
Animal Farm; 1984  
Frankenstein  
Treasure Island; Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde  
Gulliver's Travels  
The Strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

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