



English Literature GCSE

Examination and Revision Information

Examination Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AQA GCSE English Literature.
Number of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1A: Power and Conflict Anthology poetry. Paper 1B: A Christmas Carol (Papers 1A and 1B are held on the same day. They are 50 minutes each with a break in between) Paper 2: Shakespeare and Unseen Poetry. (This is one exam paper and students answer all questions without a break)
Structure of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1A: 50 minutes. 30 marks. Paper 1B: 50 minutes. 30 marks. Paper 1 accounts for 46% of the overall English Literature grade. Paper 2: 1hr 45mins. 70 marks. 54% of total grade.
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GCSE English Literature course is a two year, linear curriculum. The qualification is 100% examination based. In line with Ofqual guidance, for the 2021 exam series the structure of the exams have changed. The details above are correct for this year only.
Where could I find past papers and mark schemes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes
What are the best websites to help me revise this subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpQBaeLx2EJYRzAw9tA5W5A https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff/videos https://www.gcsepod.com/gcsepod_content/english/
What are the best ways to revise for this subject?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Testing: Use flash cards to cover each text. Make notes on how each text opens, the key moments of change and how and why the writer closes their text in the way they do. Learn key quotes for each text: prioritise key moments of change/ character development and climatic moments. You can read each text online for free through simply googling the title. GCSE Pod: This is a fantastic resource to help build on the work you do in class. There are Pods linked to the content of each text. Books: Revise by using your exercise books. These are your best revision resource. Past Papers: Answer individual questions from past GCSE papers. Make sure you know the question types and timings. Even though the structure of this year's papers are slightly different, content stays the same. Mr Bruff's YouTube channel is a useful resource for character analysis.

