



English Literature A Level

Examination and Revision Information

Examination Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQA A Level English Language
Number of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Literary genres What's assessed: • Option 1A: Aspects of tragedy • Study of three texts: one Shakespeare text; a second drama text and one further text, of which one must be written pre-1900 • Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes. Closed book. 75 marks. 40% of A-level • Paper 2: Texts and genres What's assessed: • Option 2B: Elements of political and social protest writing • Study of three texts: one post-2000 prose text; one poetry and one further text, one of which must be written pre-1900 • Examination will include an unseen passage. • Written exam: 3 hours. Open book. 75 marks. 40% of A-level
Structure of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes. 75 marks. 40% of A-level • Paper 2: written exam: 3 hours. 75 marks. 40% of A-level
Coursework:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-exam assessment: Theory and independence What's assessed: • Study of two texts: one poetry and one prose text, informed by study of the Critical Anthology • Two essays of 1250–1500 words, each responding to a different text and linking to a different aspect of the Critical anthology • 50 marks. 20% of A-level. Assessed by teachers. Moderated by AQA.
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The English Language A Level course is a two year, linear curriculum. • The qualification is 80% examination based and 20% coursework.
Where could I find past papers and mark schemes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-literature-b-7716-7717/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://irevise.com/uk/exams/a-level/english/notes/othello-revision-notes • https://s-cool.co.uk/a-level/english-literature/othello/revise-it/key-scenes • https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-literature-gcse-level/english-literature-level-past-papers/aqa-level-english-literature-past-papers • https://studywise.co.uk/a-level-revision/english-literature/
What are the best ways to revise for this subject?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Testing: Use flash cards to cover each key text for revision. It is a good idea to focus on a text's opening, the major turning points and then the close. 2. Your file notes: revise by using all of the notes you have taken in class. These are your best revision resource. 3. Teacher feedback: review all of your assessed work and look at the feedback your teachers have given for improvement. Use this as a starting point in order to write your next essay. 4. Past Papers: Answer individual questions from past A Level papers. Make sure you know the question types and timings. 5. Quizlet is a useful resource for checking your knowledge of key quotations.

