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# SPRINGBOARD



## A-Level English Literature

### OUR COURSE DETAILS

We have chosen the AQA English Literature B specification as it is a challenging, diverse and rewarding course that offers students the chance to read and engage with a wide range of literature, through the lens of genre and theory. Students develop a wide range of skills, such as the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research. All these skills are valuable for both further study and future employment. Along with preparing for two rigorous linear examinations on the literary genres of Tragedy and Crime (representing 80% of the course) students will produce two pieces of non-exam assessment, worth 20% of the final A Level grade. Offering clear progression from GCSE, the course allows students to build on the skills and knowledge already gained and prepare for their next steps.

### ASPECTS TO RESEARCH

- The literary genres of Tragedy & Crime
- AQA English Literature Specification B

### PREPARING FOR STUDY

Take a risk with your reading and try reading a novel/poem/play outside of your comfort zone. Chat to someone else about the work. Tell them what you enjoyed about it. Be specific with your critique

Watch a play online and try writing a brief review. Try doing it in less than 75 words.

Research the literary genre of Tragedy and write down five things you learn about this classical genre from your study. Now research the literary genre of Crime!

Research the texts we study on the course. You'll find the list on the website or on the leaflet we handed out on open days.

### JOBS

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

Here's a guide from The Times on what you can do with a degree in English Literature:

[www.imeshighereducation.com](http://www.imeshighereducation.com)

### LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)



## **UNIVERSITY COURSES**

There's loads of great English based university courses out there. Here's a really useful guide from The Guardian on studying English Lit at university:

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

Here's a great blog from Unifrog on preparing to study English Lit at university:

[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

Finally, a really useful article from the UCAS website on why studying English at university might be a great idea:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



## **TEXT BOOKS**

*English Literature B for AQA*

**Publisher:** Cambridge University Press

**ISBN:** 978-1-107-46802-3

**Price:** £22.45

*AQA English Literature B*

**Publisher:** Oxford University Press

**ISBN:** 978-0-19-833748-5

**Price:** £23.98

Either of the text books is a good choice. AQA recommend the red one but we like the blue one!

See our *Starting Out* booklet or the leaflet from open day for the books we study on the course!



## **USEFUL ONLINE LINKS**

- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)
- [www.englishandmedia.co.uk](http://www.englishandmedia.co.uk)
- [www.hoddereducation.co.uk](http://www.hoddereducation.co.uk)
- [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk)
- [www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org)



## **FILMS**

- Othello: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- Death of a Salesman: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- Brighton Rock: <https://www.youtube.com>
- When Will There Be Good News: [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)
- Rime of the Ancient Mariner: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

