

A-Level English Literature – First Homework Task

Hello all! Welcome to the wonderful world of Bilborough College and the even ‘wonderfuller’ world of English Lit! As part of your enrolment and induction process, we have put a few questions together for you to consider over the next week or so. They will hopefully help confirm why English Lit is the subject for you and get you thinking about this subject and its place in the 21st century.

Make sure you write in full sentences and that you are taking care with this first piece of homework. Don’t forget this piece of work will help to form our first impression of you.

You should download this document to your computer so that you can type in it. When you’ve completed the tasks, save the document somewhere safe. In your first lesson of the year we will give you some instructions on how to upload this document to Microsoft Teams.

Name:

GCSE English Language grade: GCSE English Literature grade:

Which novels/plays/poems did you tackle in GCSE English Literature?

In no fewer than 200 words, tell us about your favourite novel, play or poem at school. What did you enjoy about it? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why? Try to use examples to support your ideas.

Why have you decided to take English Literature at A-Level?

What sort of things do you like to read in your spare time? Any favourites?

This subject will test your ability to evaluate interpretations of literary texts and formulate arguments in response. Consider the interpretation of English literature below and in no fewer than 200 words, write up a *brief challenge to this claim*:

‘English literature is stuck in the past! It has no place as an academic subject in the fast-paced technological society of the twenty-first century.’

All done!

Check your work to make sure there are no silly spelling or grammatical errors. Now check your word counts in the text boxes to make sure you are not under the 200-word limit for each task.

Enjoy the rest of your holiday and we’ll see you soon. 😊

Jason, Susie & Martin (the English Lit team).