

English Literature Revision information

Board: AQA. Website: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

You should have:

- ✓ Exercise book- including example answers- explaining how to how to answer each question, the content of each set text and key quotes, themes and ideas.
- ✓ Knowledge Organisers for each element (An Inspector Calls, anthology poetry, unseen poetry, Macbeth and A Christmas Carol)
- ✓ An in-house revision guide for each paper (see pics)
- ✓ A whole host of these accessible via Teams in the resources section.



You may have:

A revision guide or workbook that has been purchased. We would recommend the CGP revision guides and workbooks. Workbooks are especially good as they are active and contain tasks (and answers). These are available for (An Inspector Calls, anthology poetry, unseen poetry, Macbeth and A Christmas Carol)



How can you revise for this subject?

1. Re-read your set texts – at least twice- this includes the anthology
2. Read past papers and the example answers to see what has been awarded marks and why.
3. This exam is a mix of both knowledge and skills. Learn the key quotations (make revision cards with the quotes and the key details for Social historical context) make sure you are familiar with the themes and ensure you know what the writer was trying to do and why.
4. Complete quote splats, where you analyse the language techniques within the quote.
5. Plan the answers to essay questions (even if you choose not the write them)

Paper 1:	Macbeth (30+4 marks – 50 mins)	A Christmas Carol (30marks – 50 mins)	
1hr 45 mins 40% of total Lit GCSE	One question. An extract from the play (approx. 25 lines) and a question about a character and/or theme. You must focus your answer on both the extract and the play as a whole. You must show knowledge of the social historical context and analyse the dramatic devices & language used.	One question. An extract from the play (approx. 25 lines) and a question about a character and/or theme. You must focus your answer on both the extract and the play as a whole.	
Paper 2:	An Inspector Calls (30 + 4 marks – 45 mins)	Power & Conflict anthology poetry (30 marks – 45 mins)	Unseen poetry (24 marks and 8 marks)
2 hr 15 mins 60% of total Lit GCSE	Answer one from a choice of two questions on character and theme. You should show knowledge of the whole play (through quotations and close references); show awareness of the context and analyse both the language and dramatic devices.	One question. You are given one poem and must compare it to another (relevant to the question) from memory. You must show knowledge of the social historical context and analyse the poetic devices (both language and structural) used.	Answer 2 questions. Q1 asks you to analyse and unseen poem for how meaning in created. Q2 asks you to compare a second poem to the first for techniques used.

What else can I do to revise?

GCSE Pod has a number of pods to watch on all the areas – you can select your own or ask your teacher to provide suggestions.

Seneca is also a great source of interesting videos to watch.

We also find Mr Bruff on YouTube very well made: he explains the key characters, themes and ideas as well as how to answer the questions and get the higher marks.

