

Year 11 Revision Guidance March 2020

English Literature Paper 2: A Christmas Carol and Poetry

As you know, you will be required to work remotely for the foreseeable future. The English department would like you to access the school **Moodle English Literature folder** for detailed information about tasks that you should complete over the coming weeks.

In the Year 11 English Literature folder there will be dated sub-folders that contain tasks and activities. These will be updated approximately every fortnight to enable you to work through tasks at the rate we would normally expect for your age and ability.

The English department will require you to revise the following:

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

KEY THEMES:

- Change
- The supernatural
- Family
- **Children**
- Christmas
- **Good and evil**
- **Isolation**
- Greed
- Unhappiness
- Poverty

Key Characters:

- Scrooge
- The three spirits
- Fred
- Fezziwig
- Importance of Belle (linked to money/gain)
- The Cratchits

HOW TO REVISE:

1. The format of this section of the exam is identical to Macbeth – you will get an extract and then a longer answer on **a theme/idea** in the rest of the book.
2. Revise how to write TEAL paragraphs for an extract. Ignorance and Want, The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come have been extracts on past papers. The exam board seem to like setting examples from the start or end of Stave so I'd suggest looking closely at the descriptions of the Ghost of Christmas Past and Present.
3. Ensure you have a clear overview of the novel as a whole. The examination essay really wants you to track a theme through Stave One to Stave Five.

4. Read through your 'A Christmas Carol' revision booklet and ensure that you know the **key characters – their role and function** and quotations associate with them. Make mindmaps, cue cards etc.
5. Re-read the using an audio of the entire book:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN_-rupwo
6. Film version:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99BfCytGEGY>
7. Useful playlist for a range of themes and level 8/9 re:
Mr Bruff A Christmas Carol playlist:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqGFsWf-P-cBhNFIdX59nQmTodoDmDQsh>
8. Remember – you **MUST NOT** refer to the extract in your essay. You are being asked about the theme elsewhere in the novel. There is an expectation that you can give an overview of the named theme elsewhere in the book. I would recommend referring to how the theme is presented in Stave One, another moment from the middle of the play and finally in Stave Five.

RELATIONSHIPS POETRY

You have all been given a detailed revision booklet with everything you need to know about the poems – make notes from this and learn key aspects of HOW the writers/speakers present their ideas –how they use language, form and structure.

You also need to know a little context for each poem.

1. You will be given a named poem to compare to a poem of your choice. The previous exam poems have been 'Valentine'; 'A Complaint' and 'She Walks in Beauty'. They seem to favour the shorter poems.
Useful video on how to compare two poems:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpPUspFsFfIE&t=43s>
2. Use the guidance at the front of your poetry booklet to group poems together e.g. unhappy relationships/ happy relationships, protective relationships/ loss of love etc.

Look at Youtube videos e.g. Mr Bruff: detailed analysis of Neutral Tones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cW6odiEFYro&t=4s>

There are also lots of information on BBC Bitesize – make sure you look at the **EDEXCEL** information as that is the exam board that we do

UNSEEN POETRY

Use the poetry anthology and try comparing poems from the other clusters in your Edexcel Anthology (e.g. Conflict and Time) by trying to find similarities and difference between them.

Write responses comparing any of the poems you have been previously given: **Woman Work and Overheard, Tramp and Decomposition, Cats, On aging etc.** Revise poetic techniques so you can identify them quickly in an exam situation.

Revision Plan for English Literature		
w/c 23/3 & 24/3		
	Model Response	
1	X	X2 Poetry Anthology - revision of La Belle and Valentine
2	Y	Read and write a Macbeth extract response – Act 1 scene 7. Compare to model response.
3	X	Animal Farm – revision of Old Major and Moses
4	Y	ACC extract – Marley’s ghost
5	X	Macbeth theme discussion and planning - Ambition
EASTER HOLIDAY		
w/c 20/4 & 27/4		
1	X	X2 Poetry Anthology – revision of <i>Manhunt</i> and <i>Nettles</i> - write a plan about the presentation of strong feelings in both poems.
2	Y	Animal Farm ‘The Humans’ timed grid in lesson – peer assess using exemplar/TLF
3	X	A Christmas Carol – revision of Family and Isolation- write plans on the importance of both themes.
4	Y	Read Act 5 scene 7 and write an extract response- compare to model
5	Y	Write a response comparing the two unseen poems provided
w/c 4/5 & 11/5		
1	Y	Animal Farm character– Timed test on Squealer
2	Y	Plan essays on the theme of Greed in A Christmas Carol
3	Y	Look closely at the opening description of the Ghost of Christmas Past and write response.
4	Y	Animal Farm Revise the themes of Equality and Inequality using the help sheet
5	Y	Macbeth extract – Revise the Banquet scene Act 3 Scene 4 and write a response

Use the plan below to structure your revision. We will be updating Moodle regularly with extracts and model answers linked to this plan