



English Literature Preparing for Post 16

A Level Specification

Read through the sections about the topics

4.1 Love through the ages

4.2 Texts in shared contexts

4.3 Independent critical study: Texts across time

Option A: WW1 and its aftermath

[Link](#)



Digital Resource

Read through the assessment resources and familiarise yourself with the structure and questions of the paper.

[Link](#)

Exam Question

'Examine the view that the poem presents us with a positive view of love; Cope presents love as something extraordinary that happens to ordinary people.'

Follow the links below to read the poem and analysis and give the question a go.

[Link 1 - After the Lunch](#)

[Link 2 - After the Lunch Poem Analysis](#)

Task

The British Library's Discovering Literature website is a real treasure trove for anyone interested in Literature. It includes hundreds of articles on texts from Chaucer to 21st Century novels such as Andrea Levy's Small Island, plus images of many of the fascinating items in the British Library Collection.

Over the next few weeks, you could complete the British Library Critical Treasure Trail:

1. Read an article that has caught your attention and select one key point – bit of treasure – from it.
2. Use the links on the right-hand side of the web page to follow a critical trail through the site.
3. Read two more articles, collecting bits of treasure as you go.
4. Record a short audio guide to the trail you followed or make a map for others to follow to find the treasure you found.

If you are considering studying English Literature next year, then these are activities that you should seriously consider completing over the next few months to prepare yourself for the very large step up to Post 16 from GCSE.

The activities are divided into:

Essential - suggested as good preparation for the course.

Recommended - suggested to support the essential activities for the course

Optional - suggested to support wider learning around the subject; you are expected to do this independently at Post 16.

TV Shows to watch (The images are links)

[The Roaring 20s](#)



[How literature can change your life](#)



[Queen Cleopatra - Netflix](#)



Have a go at these

What kind of reader are you?

Have a go at this buzz quiz - [Link](#)

How literature can change your life:

[Link](#)

Read a book you haven't read before and think a bit about the writer's intentions. What are they trying to say? What was happening in the world when it was written and how does this connect? See the list at the link below for some inspiration.

[List of novels](#)

Online Reading

A Loose Sally of the Mind – Putting Forward Bright Ideas in English Literature Essays

[Link](#)

Explore literature in context:

Discovering Literature brings to life the social, political and cultural context in which key works of literature were written. Enjoy digitised treasures from our collection, newly commissioned articles, short documentary films and teachers' notes.

[Link](#)

Royal Society of Literature:

Keep up to date with the latest goings on in the world of literature.

[Link](#)

TIPS for the Exam Question

- This question requires an answer in essay form where you explore the poetic techniques the writer has used to portray her view of love.
- Do you agree or disagree with the statement?
- What evidence can you find that supports your view?
- Your response should present the writer's methods used and the effect these have on the reader. It should conclude with a summary of your findings.

Submitting the essential tasks

- Tasks should be submitted by email, using PowerPoint or word to collate the information.

