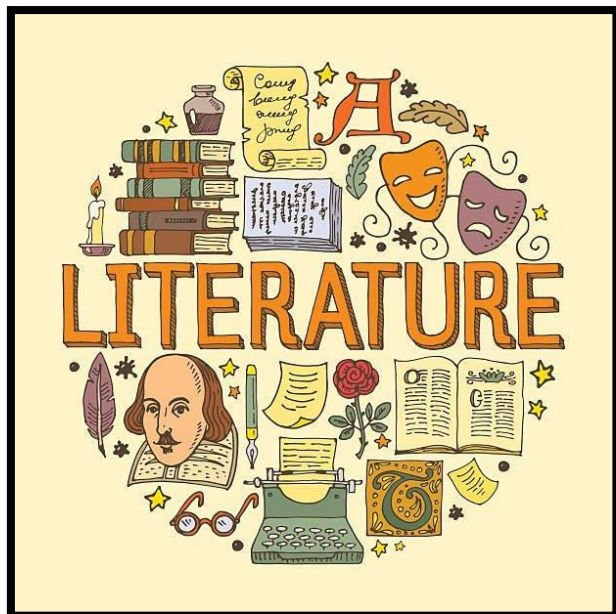


A Level English Literature



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Exam Board: AQA

Specification Number: AS/A Level
- 601/5257/6, 601/5328/3

Entry Requirements:

You need to get a minimum grade 6 in English, at GCSE level.

Why study English Literature?

Studying English Literature helps to sharpen your analytical skills. If you can take a text and find the themes, plus connect it with other texts, theories and historical events, you are showing that you can handle complex ideas, search for patterns and interpret information in a wider context.

Course requirements:

A Level:

Paper:	What's assessed?
<p>Paper 1: Literary genres:</p>	<p>Choice of two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1A: Aspects of tragedy • Option 1B: Aspects of comedy: • Study of three texts: one Shakespeare text; a second drama text and one further text, of which one must be written pre-1900

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Paper:	What's assessed?
Paper 2: Texts and genres:	Choice of two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option 2A: Elements of crime writing.• Option 2B: Elements of political and social protest writing• Study of three texts: one post-2000 prose text; one poetry and one further text, one of which must be written pre-1900 Examination will include an unseen passage.
Non-exam assessment: Theory and independence	Study of two texts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one poetry and one prose text, informed by study of the Critical Anthology• Two essays of 1250–1500 words, each responding to a different text and linking to a different aspect of the Critical anthology• One essay can be re-creative. The re-creative piece will be accompanied by a commentary.

How can I prepare?

Wider reading, is perhaps the most important thing to do in preparing to study English Literature, as it gives you a broader and deeper understanding of the subject.

What could I do next with an English Literature A Level?

English Literature is good for any job that involves communication, writing and / or literary knowledge. These include: advertising and marketing, writing and journalism, law, consultancy, business, teaching, performing arts, academia, government, linguistics, foreign languages, media and design. You could even be a freelance writer.

English literature is especially helpful with essay-based subjects such as History or Politics, and goes well with social science subjects that look at human behaviour, such as psychology or sociology.

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