

The Transition Project 2024

Over the next two years you will be studying the following texts:

Paper 1:

Othello – William Shakespeare (Drama)

Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller (Drama)

Tess of the D'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy (Novel)

Paper 2:

The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini (Novel)

The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood (Novel)

Songs of Innocence and Experience – William Blake (Poetry)

It is recommended that you buy your own copies as this will allow you to make your own notes in the books which will be useful for your own understanding of these texts. It is advisable to buy copies with notes in to help support your studies.

Task 1

Log on to the following site:

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/>

Then click on Subjects>History and the Arts>Free Courses>Literature. You will then need to scroll through the courses to find the course on What is Poetry?

Please read the sections and do the activities as they occur. It is best to attempt the activity and screen shot or record your answers on a word document, then click the discussion button, where they tell you what you might have written.

This activity will improve your understanding of poetry analysis and literary study.

If you have 20 hours to spare and are so inclined, you can enrol. It is free and on completion you will receive an email saying that you have finished it (you may have to pay for the certificate). This certificate can be used to support a university application.

There is also a creative writing course which you may want to complete on this site.

Task 2

You may also want to do some background reading in preparation for Year 12. This could include:

- Researching information on the writers
- Researching the time periods and societies when the texts were written
- Researching and creating a timeline of significant writers and their texts
- Researching ideas about the genre of Tragedy
- Researching ideas about social protest writing