

GCSE English Literature and Language Easter Revision

The key to successful revision is doing it little and often. You should be revising something from Literature every day, even if you only spend 15 minutes.

There are lots of ways you can revise:

- Re-read the texts/poems (Romeo and Juliet, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and the Anthology of poems)
- As you read, you might want to produce your own notes. Some people find it helpful using a colour coding system, or even sticking notes on the wall/random surfaces at home.
- For Romeo and Juliet, An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol you could be asked a character or a theme question, so it is important that you know key information about each character and why they are important/how they're presented, and that you are aware of the main themes of each text.
- With the Anthology poetry, you should consider which poems link well together and which you are going to revise in detail, to pick for your second comparison poem.
- You could watch film versions of the texts. If you do this, try to make sure they are reasonably close to the original story and that you are aware of any changes the director/writer makes.
- You could use revision guides that you might have purchased. If you do this, you might want to use the revision guides to make your own notes.
- You could use revision pages on the internet. See below for a list of some of these.
- You could use YouTube videos. Mr Bruff is a good YouTube channel, but there are many more out there.
- LANGUAGE – focus on revising BOTH writing sections. Use the Narrative resources to perfect/plan a story you will adapt to fit one of the prompts in the exam. Remember to follow the guidance of what your story should and should not include.
- LANGUAGE – revise the different FORMATS of the Paper 2 writing tasks using the revision aid and practice this by using the example questions.

Whatever way you choose to revise, you should plan what you are going to revise each day. You might want to use the revision timetable on the back of this sheet to help you with this. Remember, what will gain you the marks in the exam is your familiarity with the texts. You have to be prepared for the range of questions you might be asked.

Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff> - this YouTube channel has video revision for An Inspector Calls, some of the Anthology poetry, A Christmas Carol and Romeo and Juliet.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/ - this site has lots of useful revision resources for all of the texts.

<http://www.sparknotes.com/drama/an-inspector-calls/>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/christmascarol/>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/>

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