



Knowledge Summary

Year 8 Term 4 2023/24

English



Essential Questions/Knowledge

- What are the conventions of the Gothic Horror genre?
- Why was the genre so popular at the time?
- How is Gothic Horror a 'sister' movement to Romanticism?
- How did the rise of Atheism affect the genre?
- How did Edgar Allen Poe change the conventions of the Gothic Horror genre?
- What is the Aesthetic movement?
- How does Aestheticism link to both Romanticism and the Gothic?
- How does Literary Decadence link to Aestheticism, Romanticism and the Gothic?
- How do you structure a Narrative?
- How can use language, form and structure for deliberate effect?

How students will be assessed on their knowledge

- Knowledge Quizzes
- Pre-summative Assessment – descriptive writing
- Summative Assessment – Gothic Horror Narrative

Questions/Knowledge to deepen understanding

- How did the discovery of Psychology influence the Gothic Horror genre?
- How was the Gothic Horror genre a reaction to the change in society in the 18th and 19th Century?
- Why did many critics and intellectuals look down on the Gothic Horror genre?
- What could the supernatural monsters be a metaphor of?
- How did advances in science, technology and medicine influence the genre?

Key Concepts

- The Occult/Supernatural
- Oppression
- The 'Other'
- Alienation
- Rebellion
- Atheism

Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary linked to the unit

- Gothic
- Wretch
- Aestheticism
- Decadence
- Psychoanalysis