

## How can I revise for English Literature?

1. Know your texts. Just so you're clear, that means *Lord of the Flies* OR *An Inspector Calls* (you know which one you have studied in class!), *A Christmas Carol*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, the Power and Conflict poetry cluster (15 poems).
2. Make sure you are clear on plot, character, themes, and context. Mind map ideas, particularly on themes and context. Make flashcards to summarise key characteristics, themes, etc.
3. Learn key quotations for each significant character/symbol. Make flashcards with key quotations from each text and test yourself/get family or friends to test you.
4. Check you have annotated all 15 poems in the Power and Conflict anthology. If you have not annotated all poems use the CGP guides if you have them, check out Mr Carter's voiceover videos on Google classroom.
5. Find a past exam question from the exam board website (or ask your teacher). Complete a timed response, preferably without notes.
6. If you are on TikTok, check out @Missenglishteacher as she posts reels and live lessons on the following texts: *An Inspector Calls*, *A Christmas Carol*, Power and Conflict poetry and unseen poetry.
7. Look at exemplar responses as provided by your classroom teacher.

There are a number of useful websites to help you with this:

Find your past exam questions here -

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers&f.Modified+papers%7CModified=Standard>

<https://www.litcharts.com/search> (just enter your particular text in the search bar)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx> BBC Bitesize - covers all literature texts studied at ACHS.

[www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)

[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) anything from Mr Bruff is helpful. Search for your text on Youtube.

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2. Make sure you know the requirements of the questions in Section A of Paper 1 and Paper 2. This is important.
3. Read opinion articles and think about the writer's viewpoint. To help you with this, summarise each paragraph and note down the purpose. (see below for link to The Guardian online.)
4. Practise creative writing. Describe the scene outside your bedroom window, your street or your garden. Practise 'zooming in' to small details and sticking with an idea for a full paragraph.
5. Practise writing with a viewpoint. Write a letter of complaint about something that's irritated you recently and unleash your sarcastic wit.
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[www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4](http://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4) BBC Bitesize (Exam board: AQA)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) anything from Mr Bruff is helpful. You will find guidance on how to approach each question in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Check out opinion and lifestyle articles in The Guardian online:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/lifeandstyle?scrllybrkr=c1d0b20d>

What else? READ: for practise ... and pleasure!