

English Literature A Level: Year 12-13

Summer Independent Learning

Task One: NEA

Complete the first draft of your coursework. Submission of a refined, improved, checked and double-checked full draft, double line-spaced and including critics, accurate footnotes and a full bibliography. This should be of a quality that you would be happy to submit as something that is worth 20% of your A Level. The deadline will be set by your teacher. Note that this deadline may be before you return to college.

Task Two: *Othello*: purchase, read, watch

Wordsworth: <https://wordsworth-editions.com/product/othello/>

Arden: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/othello-9781472571762/>

In the exam you will have a clean copy of the Wordsworth Classics edition of *Othello*, and we recommend you purchase this so you can familiarise yourself with it, find your way around the text, and make notes as you study. In addition, we also recommend the Arden Shakespeare version of *Othello*: this is a very detailed version with extensive notes and will give you a wealth of additional information as we explore the play.

Read the play.

Watch the play. Your teacher will provide you with a link to the 2007 Globe Theatre production of *Othello*, directed by Wilson Milam. Make notes on anything you find significant as you watch, particularly in relation to the use of stagecraft.

Task Three: *Othello*: content, contexts and critics

· Read and complete the '*Othello*: Content, Contexts and Critics' document provided by your teacher, and submit it by the time you return to college. This document is very much only a starting point for your exploration of the play, but this will place you in a good position to begin studying the text in detail in September.

Task Four: Poetry

· Pre-read the Poems of the Decade that you have not yet covered (that is, with the exception of Ode on a Grayson Perry Urn by Tim Turnbull). Annotate them with your initial ideas.

Task Five: organise and look over your Year 12 course content

Look over the notes you have made in Year 12. Consider how well you know the content, and whether your notes are in a position which will allow you to effectively revise from them.

- Organise your notes as needed
- Make flashcards, knowledge organisers, Quizlets etc. to learn course content