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Subject Guides



A-level English Literature





A-level English Language & Literature

Introduction

In order to study this subject it is necessary to have gained a grade 6 or above in English Language and English Literature. You should enjoy the challenge of reading widely and reflecting deeply, through discussion and written responses, on what you have read. You will have the opportunity to study texts from previous centuries as well as examples from modern writers.

What You Will Learn

Develop an interest in and enjoyment of Literature by reading widely, gain an understanding of the traditions of English Literature, make informal opinions and judgements on literary texts, become aware of cultural, historical and other influences on texts, become familiar with a range of critical perspectives and judgements on texts, communicate your response in discussion and in written assignments.

Where It Can Lead To

The skills and experiences involved in the study of English Literature at A-level recommend themselves to a wide range of higher education or career opportunities, as well as being valuable in their own right. English Literature can be studied on its own as a specialist subject in higher education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects, such as History, Media Studies, Philosophy or Languages. Those who wish to go on from A level directly into a career will find English Literature a valuable qualification, particularly in the fields of journalism and the media.