

Bridging work – A Level English Literature

Summer Reading Challenge

A Level English Literature is a great course which gives you the opportunity to study a range of texts both independently and in class. In our exploration of literature there's a focus on genre and theory.

To prepare you for your course and to build and develop your reading stamina, please read a novel and write a response to it. A good way of finding a suitable novel is to look at the suggested reading list below.

Suggested reading list:

The Booker prize – modern novels

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/prize-years/2023>

Women's prize for fiction – modern novels

<https://womensprize.com/prizes/womens-prize-for-fiction/>

Costa prize (list of winners 1971-2021) – modern novels

<https://www.costa.co.uk/docs/cba-past-winners.pdf>

Free online copies of pre-20th Century novels – classic novels – choose the option to read online

<https://gutenberg.org/>

Your written response should include comments on:

- **Genre:** the type of narrative/story – how does the way the novel is written reflect the genre?
- **Narrative voice:** who is telling the story, how do their ideas come across, does the narrator change at any point, if it's an omni-present/all seeing narrator, which character's perspective is focused on?
- **Characterisation:** how are the characters portrayed and developed?
- **Context:** how does the novel relate to cultural, social, historical and political ideas and theories?
- **Personal opinion:** how do you feel about the novel? What were your initial reactions and how did they develop?

You can share your ideas about what you've read when everyone meets up in September.

If you have any questions, please email: CollinsS@bishopluffa.org.uk

Have a great summer and enjoy your reading!