

Year 9 English

Subject Title	English
Setting information	For each teaching side of the year group: 2 upper mixed ability sets 3 middle mixed ability sets 1 lower ability set
Time allowed	8 lessons per fortnight
Homework information	Set once per week. Tasks often involve creative responses to texts, creative writing, research, independent reading and learning key words. At certain points in the year, longer research or project style tasks are set.

Term	Topics	Skills	Assessment
1 and 2	<p><u>Hopes and Dreams</u></p> <p>Exploring the theme of Hopes and Dreams through reading the novel '<i>Of Mice and Men</i>' by John Steinbeck and a range of non-fiction texts including speeches, newspaper articles and letters from inspirational and historical figures.</p>	<p><u>Reading skills (literary texts):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forming interpretations of texts - Supporting interpretations with textual references - Analysing writers' methods (language, narrative structure, character, theme, setting and genre) - Understanding relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written, specifically the concept of the American Dream during the backdrop of the Depression and racial inequality. - Understanding authorial intent <p><u>Reading skills (non-fiction texts):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retrieving information from texts 	<p><u>Skills in reading and interpreting literary texts:</u></p> <p>Essay on the presentation of Curley's wife. Extract-based and also linking overall knowledge of text.</p> <p>This task assesses English Literature AO1 – AO4 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be given an extract to read and analyse.</p> <p><u>Skills in reading and interpreting non-fiction texts</u></p> <p>English Language Paper 2 Q4-style comparison of two speeches given by MLK and Malala.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysing language and structural features and devices - Evaluating writers' methods - Making inferences - comparing writers' methods through the study of famous speeches. - Analysing and comparing different viewpoints. 	<p>This task assesses English Language AO1 – AO4 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be asked to compare and evaluate the methods writers use to communicate different viewpoints.</p>
3	<p><u>Love and Hate</u> A unit where students develop their understanding of Shakespeare through reading <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> and study the sonnet form in poetry and where they read, analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction texts based around the theme of love and hate.</p>	<p><u>Reading skills (literary texts):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forming interpretations of texts - Supporting interpretations with textual references - Analysing language, form, structure and stagecraft including introducing genre conventions, Shakespearean tragedy, classical allusion and the sonnet form of poetry - Understanding texts and the contexts in which they were written eg the role of male and female characters - Understanding authorial intent - Developing literacy skills through decoding unfamiliar vocabulary - Exploring performance aspects and their impact on an audience. 	<p><u>Skills in reading and interpreting literary texts:</u> <u>Essay:</u> "Love is stronger than hate" To what extent do you agree? Answer this question in relation to at least two scenes from the play.</p> <p>This task assesses English Literature AO1 – AO4 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be given an extract to read and analyse.</p>
4	<p><u>Love and Hate</u> A continuation of the unit where students read, analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction texts based around the theme of love and hate.</p>	<p><u>Transactional (non-fiction) writing skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing to express a viewpoint - Writing in different styles and genres - Writing for different purposes: to inform, explain, argue and persuade - Writing with accurate spelling; accurate and varied 	<p><u>Skills in writing for a particular purpose and audience:</u> Write an opinion article about violence in the media.</p> <p>This task assesses English Language AO5 and 6 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be asked to write to express a viewpoint.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p><u>Exam Preparation</u> In preparation for GCSE, this unit focuses on the English Language Paper 2 Reading (Section A) style questions that students will face in their end of year exam.</p> <p><u>London</u> In this unit students look prepare for GCSE by studying a literary heritage poem from the AQA anthology alongside other poems about London; and develop their creative writing skills around the theme of life in an urban environment.</p>	<p><u>Reading skills (non-fiction texts):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retrieving information from texts - Analysing language and structural features and devices - Evaluating writers’ methods - Making inferences - comparing writers’ methods through the study of famous speeches. - Analysing and comparing different viewpoints. <p><u>Reading skills (literary texts):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forming interpretations of texts - Supporting interpretations with textual references - Analysing writers’ methods in poetry, including choices of language, structure and form - Understanding relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written - Understanding authorial intent - Comparative analysis skills <p><u>Descriptive and narrative writing skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing with accurate spelling; and accurate and varied punctuation, grammar (clauses specifically) and vocabulary • Adhering to genre • Establishing setting • Use of effective imagery • Use of effective narrative structures. 	<p><u>ASSESSMENT: YEAR 9 EXAM</u></p> <p><u>Skills in reading and interpreting non-fiction texts</u> Comparison of two non-fiction extracts.</p> <p>This task assesses English Language AO1 – AO4 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be asked to compare and evaluate the methods writers use to communicate different viewpoints.</p> <p><u>Skills in reading and interpreting literary texts:</u> Analytical essay comparing two poems about London.</p> <p>This task assesses English Literature AO1 – AO4 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will have to compare two previously studied poems.</p> <p><u>Narrative and descriptive writing:</u> Descriptive writing about London, or a place student know well, inspired by photograph of London.</p> <p>In preparation for GCSE, this task assesses English Language AO5 and 6 skills in preparation for GCSE. Students will be asked to produce a descriptive or narrative piece of writing.</p>
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<p>Links to websites and revision materials:</p>		<p>Analysing non-fiction: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8n487h 'Of Mice and Men' revision: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3934j6/revision/1 Royal Shakespeare Company's Learning Zone: https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone/romeo-and-juliet Analysis and interpretations of Romeo and Juliet: http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/romeoscenes.html A TED Talk on iambic pentameter: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5lsuyUNu_4 Download short stories, or read previews of novels - https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/secondary/ BBC Skillswise – revision of grammar, spelling, reading and writing skills: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/english/zjg4scw Englishbiz for writing skills: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/</p>	