

Preparing to Study at A level

Work for English Literature

Below you will find 5 weeks preparation work (around 10 hrs) for your A level course and an Enrolment Task (2 hrs). You will need to do the same for your other two subjects. The final enrolment task must be submitted to Enrolment@StratfordSchool.co.uk by Monday 12th July.

AQA A-level Literature Specification A

You can find the course specification here:

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Research Tasks and Wider Reading:

As optional extra areas of study, you might like to:

- Research literary movements like the Romantic poets. Here's a useful starting point: [The Romantics - The British Library \(bl.uk\)](#)
- Check and consolidate your knowledge of literary techniques. Click [here](#) for a possible starting point.
- Read as much literary fiction as you can. Look at this list of recommended books aimed at Year 11 students. How many of the writers / texts do you know? [Year 11 suggested reading list for pupils in KS4 age 15-16 \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](#)

Activities: For all of the following tasks you will find additional guidance in the PowerPoint resource.

Task 1

Research the Siege of Troy and produce your findings in an appropriate form.

Task 2

Read the speech and relate it to your research. Then explore the imagery. Annotate the text for interesting features of language and structure.

Task 3

Remind yourself of iambic pentameter and investigate the use of rhythmical variation in the speech.

Task 4

Make links with your previous study of Shakespeare: order and hierarchy.

Task 5

Engage with critics and alternative readings.

Enrolment Task (This task must be sent to Enrolment@StratfordSchool.co.uk):

- An extended written response, building on the work covered in previous steps: Explore how Shakespeare presents the theme of order and hierarchy in the extract from 'Troilus and Cressida'.

If you have any questions, please contact awilson@stratfordschool.co.uk