Specification: AQA

English Literature is a 'facilitating' subject — so called because choosing it at A Level allows a wide range of options for degree study. The study of Literature is a

study into the human psyche, human

experience and social influences over the years.

The focus of this course is to consider texts through a historicist critical lens. Any text is the product of its time: a study of it will teach a student to read in context and to understand the societal and historical context of the text in time. The ability to read any content with a deeper appreciation and investigation is an essential skill.

Many of the skills developed through studying this subject are related to independent thinking — the ability to analyse sophisticated ideas and the ways in which they are presented, to synthesise large and complex literary texts, and to know how to sculpt a compelling argument are just a few.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Theme 1: Love through the Ages
Shakespeare's: Othello
lan McEwan's: Atonement
Anthology: Love Through the Ages

Unseen Poetry

<u>Theme 2: Modern Times: Literature from 1945</u> to the present day.

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faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Tennessee Williams': Streetcar Named Desire Kathryn Stockett's: The Help

Sylvia Plath's: Arial Poetry Anthology Unseen Prose

NEA (Coursework): Independent critical study of two texts. One essay, 2500 words in length, comparing two texts, Oscar Wilde's: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and one text of the student's choice.

EXAM ASSESSMENT

Paper 1:

Section A: One question, based on an extract, on *Othello*. (Closed book.)

Section B: Comparison between two poems. (Closed book.)

Section C: Comparison between the prose text, *Atonement*, and two poems from the anthology. (Open book.)

75 marks

Duration: 3 hours

Externally assessed written examination

40% of final A' level

Paper 2: OPTION 2

Section A: One question (choice of two) about A Streetcar Named Desire. (Open book.)

Section B: Extract from a novel – unseen.

Comparison between The Help and Arial (Open book.)

75 marks

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

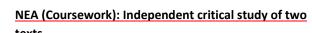
Externally assessed written examination

Open Book

40% of final A' level

These papers will assess the ability to:

• analyse of the writers' methods; explore the contexts of the texts being written about; explore connections cross the texts you have studied; explore different interpretations of your texts.



Internally assessed/externally moderated.

Enrichment

Theatre productions of the set texts, university lecture on Othello.

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