

Summer tasks for English Literature

Reading: wider reading and presentation

Read five new texts over the summer holidays. Write down your texts and some comments on what you enjoyed about them.

Your task is to then prepare a short presentation explaining one of your chosen literary texts in detail to the rest of the group. This should include resources that are helpful to the group, for example, PowerPoint slides, handouts, tasks/activities, copies of the passage you are presenting. Your presentation must not be on a text from the specification, but should be from your personal wider reading. You should cover:

- Basic storyline, but don't give too much away
- The author's background and career
- Any other opinions of the book that you can find
- What you enjoyed about it
- What you didn't enjoy about it
- A specific passage to share with the group to show the writer's craft. Put the passage into the context of the whole text and focus on aspects of language and literary techniques to show how the passage is significant.

Writing: write a piece of creative writing based on a place or places. You could model this on the style of a particular writer that you have come across in your wider reading. Annotate the text to show your language and literary choices. Word limit 600 – 700 words