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Year 12 Pre-Course Material

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Edexcel A Level English Literature

If you're interested you can find a link to the specification here:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/english-literature-2015.html>

Please ensure that you have your own copies of the following texts for when you start in September – and read them for pleasure initially!

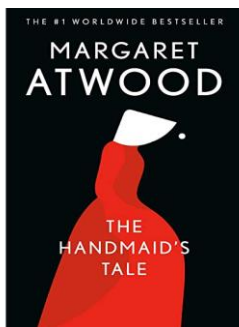
(If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, or are struggling financially please do get in touch. We may be able to help you.)



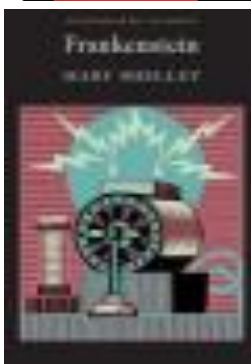
Othello, by William Shakespeare



A Streetcar Named Desire, by Tennessee Williams



The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood



Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley

Three tasks for you to complete



Write

To help us get to know you a little better, write a short piece (about 300 words) in which you tell us about **three texts** which are *significant* to you and **why**. They can be any kind of written texts: a novel, a non-fiction book, a play or even a poem (or collection of poems). Explain what you enjoy about them and what makes them such noteworthy and/or accomplished texts.



Listen

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

Listen to the following podcast about the origins of the play and the inspiration behind it:

<https://www.npr.org/2002/09/23/1150444/a-streetcar-named-desire-present-at-the-creation>



Read

Othello by William Shakespeare

Read the following article about some of the contexts in which *Othello* was written:

<https://www.bl.uk/shakespeare/articles/racism-misogyny-and-motiveless-malignity-in-othello>

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