

A Level English Literature.

Pre-course work



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Success in Sixth Form is largely a function of the amount and quality of independent study you carry out; here's a chance to help you get the very best start to your course. We would like you to complete the work described below and hand it in to your teacher in your first lesson in September. If you have made a late change to your timetable, please complete this work within the first week of starting the course. The work should take you 2-3 hours.

Details of pre-course work

Complete the task set during the Taster Day lesson.

Task 1: Gatsby Analysis.

Write a response to the following question: How does Fitzgerald present love in the extract from 'The Great Gatsby'? Try to write a 12 sides of A 4. Use your notes from your taster lessons.

Task 2: Othello.

1. Read a synopsis of 'Othello' (try websites such as: Spark Notes or Litcharts) or, even better, watch an adaptation of the play or read it! Note down your thoughts on: How many different 'types' of love can be seen in the play? (e.g. – possessive love between Othello and Desdemona)
2. Research what life would have been like for a 17th Century wealthy wife. Create a mind-map/fact file with your findings. Details of these tasks will also be provided on the website, in the Sixth form section. You should hand your work in to your teacher during the first lesson in September.

Resources to help you with this work

You will find many online resources to help you with the Gatsby analysis task (along with the work you did in the taster session if you attended). Research 'The Great Gatsby' using Litchards, Course Hero and Spark Notes.

For the Othello task you could utilise websites such as: Sparknotes; Cliffnotes; Litcharts; the Globe Theatre; RSC etc.) There are also numerous productions available to watch on YouTube.

You will need to buy copies of 'The Great Gatsby' and 'Othello' to support your Summer Tasks and to have ready for lessons in September (so it can be annotated and re-read at home).

Stretch yourself

As well as reading your three Year 12 set texts, 'The Great Gatsby' (F. Scott Fitzgerald); 'Othello' (William Shakespeare) and 'A Streetcar Named Desire' (Tennessee Williams), we would also recommend that you read one or two extra novels from our recommended reads list.

You can also try the Post GCSE tasks in Literature [here](#).