

Extra English Literature Homework

Shakespeare (Macbeth or The Tempest)

1. Find three other plays that have a comic subplot. Make notes on where the comic scenes appear and how they contrast with the main plot
2. Research Queen Elizabeth I. Find three plays that Shakespeare wrote whilst she was ruling and think about whether there are any connections between the plots of the plays and what you know about her life.
3. Research King James I. Find three plays that Shakespeare wrote whilst he was ruling and think about whether there are any connections between the plots of the plays and what you know about his life.
4. Choose an extract from the play you are studying and create an exam question based on this extract.
5. Create a plan for this exam question
6. Write your answer to this question
7. Learn 5 key quotations from the play
8. Make a list of all the themes addressed in the play and find a key quotation for each
9. Write a summary of the play in 15 words
10. Write a summary of the play in 50 words
11. Use BBC Bitesize to revise key themes and characters from the play.
12. Use the Royal Shakespeare Company website to watch different versions of the play in performance

Modern Novel (Lord of the Flies)

1. Research the plot of or read, one other post war novel (George Orwell, JB Priestley)
2. Research the plot of or read, one other modern novel with links to Lord of the Flies (try The Hunger Games, The Fear series by Charlie Higson)
3. Research the life of William Golding
4. Research the plot of or read other island novels (Coral Island, Treasure Island, Swallows and Amazons)
5. Write a summary of 5 key events for each character
6. Choose one quotation to summarize each character
7. List all the themes that you think the novel addresses
8. Create an exam style question on one of the themes
9. Plan out your answer to your exam question
10. Write your answer to your exam question
11. Learn 5 quotations from the novel

19th Century Novel (Jane Eyre)

1. Research the plot of, or read other novels by Charlotte Bronte or the other Bronte sisters. List the similar themes that are addressed.
2. Research the plot of or read *Wide Sargasso Sea*
3. Read Elizabeth Gaskell *The Life of Charlotte Bronte*, Juliet Barker *The Brontes*, Lucasta Miller *The Bronte Myth*
4. Read Gilbert and Gubar's *The Madwoman in the Attic*
5. Choose an extract from the novel and create an exam question based on this extract.
6. Create a plan for this exam question
7. Write your answer to this question
8. Use GCSE Bitesize to revise main characters, plot and themes
9. List 5 themes from the novel and find 2 quotations addressing each theme
10. Learn 5 quotations from the novel

Poetry

1. Research the life of each poet in the anthology
2. Read 3 other poems written by each poet in the anthology
3. Create a revision card for each poem, including a summary, poetic techniques used, links to other poems, themes addressed and three key lines
4. Some students find it easy to learn poetry. Try to learn one poem off by heart.
5. Use the tune of a well-known song. Set the words of the poem to the song. (The tune from Oh Little Town of Bethlehem works well)
6. Create a revision map of the poem. Divide your map into different sections for the theme addressed in your poetry cluster and sort the poems into the different sections.
7. Find a poem you have never read before on – love, war, education and power.
8. Write a summary of each new poem you've found – what happens and what do you think the message behind the poem is?
9. Choose 2 lines from each of the new poems you have found. Highlight the most important word in each line and explain why it is important.
10. Find a second poem you have never read before on – love, war, education and power.
11. Write a summary of the similarities and differences between your two poems on love, your two poems on war etc.