



Inside are some handy websites, lectures and videos to help you get ahead in English Literature A Level

We do not expect you to read everything or watch everything. Start with Paper 1

We expect that as you have chosen literature, you will love reading so enjoy getting to grips with the set texts. If you are a bursary student you will have your book purchases refunded.

You may not get through all of this in the summer holidays; we'll be starting with Paper 1

Love Through the Ages paper 1

Section A

Shakespearean Tragedy

At A-level, we will read and study *Othello* as part of our 'Love through the Ages' work.

In preparation, it would be useful to:

Watch the play

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VMQMEW9aQ0> (RSC version)

Understand the Context

Listen to 2 lectures from Massolit URL: www.massolit.io

You can create your own login once you get to the page

Put *Othello* into the search box and click on Lisa Hopkins' pages. Watch videos 2 and 3, Race and Religion.

Section C

Love across the ages

Read the novel *Atonement*

We will be studying *Atonement* by Ian McEwan in our work on 'Love through the Ages'. To prepare, you could:

Research the context

<https://www.massolit.io/courses/mcewan-atonement>

Texts in Shared Contexts Paper 2

A Streetcar named Desire

For your A-level, you will study *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Watch the 1950s film version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YxfbSkJZ64>

The Handmaid's Tale

We will be studying *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. I recommend that you DON'T watch the series and DON'T read the sequel as they make studying the text quite confusing!

Consider reading similar dystopian fiction

Brave New World

Everyone is made in test tubes and society is controlled with pleasure.

E-book: <https://www.idph.com.br/conteudos/ebooks/BraveNewWorld.pdf>

Audiobook: https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V1BVK4?ref=adbl_ent_anon_sc_pdp_pc_0

Discussion: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00jn8bc>

1984

You are always being watched, media is controlled and manipulated by the government and society is controlled with fear.

Ebook: <https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/1984.pdf>

Audiobook: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scqLliarGpM&disable_polymer=true

The Power by Naomi Alderman

Women rule the world.

As it was published in 2010, you'd have to buy this in order to read.

Feminine Gospels

This is a wonderful collection of poems. Feel free to purchase it and have a read