## CURRICULUM MAP FOR: A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE - YEAR 13

AUTUMN TERM 1: HANDMAID'S TALE, A STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE		
Paper 2B of the A-level. Students have a choice of 3 options, having to pick only <b>one</b> option. This scheme therefore prepares them for all 3 options.		
AO1 - Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary text, using associated	•	
<ul> <li>Arguments throughout the options should be written clearly and to the point.</li> <li>Ideas should be organised in a logical structure: introduction, main points and conclusion.</li> </ul>		۲he Handmaid's Tale که Streetcar Named Desire
Use of terminology providing it is appropriate and accurate.		
AO2 - Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.		
• Within The Handmaid's Tale, there is a patriarchal ethos of Gilead, as taught by Aunt		
Lydia.		
<ul> <li>Atwood makes use of flashback to show the contrast between life in Gilead and the US, prior the main events of the text.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>A Streetcar Named Desire follows a non-linear structure and utilises flashbacks</li> <li>There are contrasting language patterns between Stella and Stanley.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Some of the language within the Feminine Gospels, appeals to men. The metaphorical language in "The Map-Woman" presents women's physical features in a seductive way,</li> </ul>		Students will complete full
<ul><li>"a woman's skin was a map of the town."</li><li>Subject matters covered in the Feminine Gospels may reflect ideological beliefs about</li></ul>	v	written responses to weekly
women, e.g. diets. AO3 - Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts		extended writing tasks, with each week focusing on a
are written and received.		different AO in relation to the
<ul> <li>How attitudes to gender are expressed within this poetry collection and how this reflects changing attitudes over time. Women originally seen as being submissive and subservient.</li> </ul>	t	hey may choose in the exam.
<ul> <li>Potential readings of 'gospels' as different kinds of process.</li> <li>The extent to which specifically men are represented and the way in which these</li> </ul>		
representations reflection the patriarchal society.		
<ul> <li>A Streetcar Named Desire has a powerful culture class in its post-war context.</li> <li>It is a tragic play, with Blanche Dubois as the tragic hero, panicking about her fading hearty.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>beauty.</li> <li>In The Handmaid's Tale, men and women are represented within the novel are embedded within the specific social, historical and cultural contexts of the 1980s – reinforcing the idea of the handmaids being there to reproduce.</li> </ul>		
AO4 - Explore connections across literary texts.	1 24	
<ul> <li>Relationships between men and women. The feminine gospels reflect the changing attitudes over time.</li> </ul>		Re-reading of key sections of
<ul> <li>The role of women in Elizabethan times were seen in similar light to that of the Handmaid's role.</li> </ul>	t	exts
<ul> <li>Clashes between characters, such as Offred and the society in which she lives, reflects their contrasting cultures.</li> </ul>	(	Dral responses to questions
Power and patriarchy in the Feminine Gospels can be linked to The Handmaid's Tale.		
<ul> <li>AO5 – Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.</li> <li>Some of the feminine gospels are written in first person, reflecting a feminine point of view.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Expressions of animosity towards men run through some of the gospels.</li> <li>Conflict between Old and New America in a streetcar named desire, reflect changing</li> </ul>		
attitudes towards gender, age, sexuality.	$\mathbf{\circ}$	
<ul> <li>There is a conflict between gender in A Streetcar Named Desire, similar to The Handmaid's Tale, both of which can be seen to reflect the patriarchal society in which the texts are set and contextualised.</li> </ul>	S.	
TALK LIKE AN EXPERT: Streetcar Named Desire Analysis	$\mathbf{\bullet}$	
Plastic theatre		
Tragedy		
Freytag's pyramid		
Stagecraft Medere tragedy		
Modern tragedy Denouement		History: 1940s New Orleans,
Expressionist	1	1980s, 21 <sup>st</sup> century feminism
Hubris		
Melodrama		
Morality play		
Symbolism Trope		
TALK LIKE AN EXPERT: The Handmaid's Tale Analysis Analogy		
Bildungsroman		
Counter-discourse		
Denouement		

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Discourse		
Dystopia		
écriture feminine		
Elegy		
Euphemism		
Fictive autobiography		
Ideology		
Motif		
Neologism		
Patriarchy		
Palimpsest		
Paradox		
Postmodern		
Satire		
Self-conscious narrator		
AUTUMN TERM 2: OTHELLO AND THESIS STATEMENTS, ESSAY WRITING AND CLOSED BOOK EXAM		
TECHNIQUE.		
This is a <b>closed book</b> component to the exam. Therefore, students are expected to <b>learn</b> quotations		
from Othello.		
Closed book exam revision:	$\mathbf{\mathbf{v}}$	
Repetition revision method:		Othello – key extracts
		Otheno – key extracts
<ul> <li>Reading the text in full and making detailed notes and key quotes.</li> </ul>		
Skim reading the text and condensing existing notes to slightly shorter, more manageable		
notes.		
<ul> <li>Using the shorter notes and quotes to create flashcard size revision material.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Using the flashcards and retained knowledge to produce revision mind maps.</li> </ul>		
AO1 - Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary text, using associated		
concepts and terminology.		
<ul> <li>This part of the exam gives students a statement in relation to Othello, in which they</li> </ul>		
have to discuss.	-	
• Introductions should refer to the given statement and hypothesise what can be examined		
in relation to it, e.g. characters, themes.		
The main body of the essay should contained detailed analysis of the text, referring ideas	$\boldsymbol{\nu}$	Students will complete full
back to the given statement, where possible.		
<ul> <li>Counter arguments should be considered to strengthen student's responses and show a</li> </ul>		written responses to weekly
deep understanding of the text, using literary criticism to reinforce ideas or provide the		extended writing tasks, with
foundations of a counter argument.		each week focusing on a
• The concluding section should summarise their written ideas in relation to the statement.		0
		different AO in relation to
AO2 - Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.		Section A of the paper 1.
<ul> <li>Structural issues relating to the changing nature of the relationship – Othello's and</li> </ul>		Section and puper 1.
Desdemona's early mutual reverence and affection giving way to breakdown,		
confrontation and murder as a result of Othello's belief in Desdemona's infidelity.		Students will complete
<ul> <li>Othello's use of rhetorical devices such as repeated exclamations, questions and insults</li> </ul>		revision of key concepts of
<ul> <li>Simplicity and directness of Desdemona's language; the polite and respectful terms she</li> </ul>		Othello and develop their
uses; her use of questions to convey dismay and confusion; her blend of assertive and		
tentative responses		quotation bank.
<ul> <li>Use of imagery, eg heaven vs hell/good vs evil, suffering, natural beauty vs corruption</li> </ul>		
AO3 - Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts		
are written and received.		
Revisiting the context in which Othello was written. Othello is spilt into 5 Acts, this		
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follows the Aristotelian model		
<ul> <li>According to Aristotle, the tragic hero should not be entirely good or evil. Instead, he</li> </ul>		
possesses a fatal flaw (hamartia) which will incite pity or fear in the audience	$\cap$	
Othello's suicide makes him a Stoic hero.		
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<ul> <li>Stoics follow the teaching of Greek philosopher, Zeno (335-263 BC) and were supposedly</li> </ul>	$\mathcal{N}$	
indifferent to pain, bearing suffering without complaint		
Othello was written during Shakespeare's great tragic period. Hamlet, King Lear and		
Macbeth were all performed around this time		Re-reading of key sections of
AO4 - Explore connections across literary texts.		texts
<ul> <li>The portrayal of women in Hamlet, as Hamlet has a problem with his mother's sexuality.</li> </ul>		Oral responses to questions
• Ideas about the play as a tragedy, for example A Street Car Named Desire is also seen as a		oran coponses to questions
tragedy, with Blanche being the tragic hero.		
<ul> <li>Typical representations of love and lovers</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>High premium placed upon fidelity and purity of the wife in literature</li> </ul>		
Disgrace of the cuckolded husband in literature		
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Destructive effect of third parties		
Representations of jealousy, suspicion and infidelity		
AO5 - Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.		
<ul> <li>Samuel Taylor Coleridge believes lago is a "motiveless malignity".</li> </ul>		
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• Critics are divided over the fatal flaw – pride or jealousy?

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<ul> <li>A psychoanalytical critic would focus on the inner realms which propel a character to act in a certain way. Following the theories of Freud, they might pay attention to what dreams reveal about the hidden reality within.</li> <li>TALK LIKE AN EXPERT: Othello Analysis</li> </ul>	Q	
Aesthetics	<b>O</b>	
Aside	•	
Blank verse		
Catalyst		
Hamartia		History: Elizabethan era.
New historicism		Drama: convetions of a
Parody		tragedy
Malcontent		Liageuy
Marxist criticism		
Post-colonialism criticism		
Xenophobic		
Soliloquy		
Restoration		
AUTUMN TERM 1: UNSEEN POETRY, PRE-1900 ANTHOLOGY AND POETRY GROUPINGS		
AO1 - Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary text, using associated		
concepts and terminology.		
<ul> <li>Structure an essay based on unseen poetry. Essay's should start with a clear introduction autimize the points of discussion</li> </ul>		
outlining the points of discussion. The main body of the unseen poetry should examine the argument with clear references		Pre-1900 AQA anthology
<ul> <li>The main body of the unseen poetry should examine the argument with clear references</li> </ul>		A range of unseen poetry in
to the given unseen poetry.		relation to love
The conclusion should evaluate and summarise the present comparative argument.		
<ul> <li>Develop the use of comparative phrases beyond "in comparison". Juxtaposingly, similarly, in contract, alternatively, comparably.</li> </ul>		
in contrast, alternatively, comparably. AO2 - Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.		
<ul> <li>Examine the use of metaphorical language in sonnet 116, comparing love to being like the stars and not being shaken by temposts.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>the stars and not being shaken by tempests.</li> <li>The significance of the sonnet structure on sonnet 116, as the last two lines deliver the</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>The significance of the sonnet structure of sonnet 110, as the last two lines deliver the key message of the poem that if shakespeare's statements about love can be proven</li> </ul>		
wrong then no man can ever have been in love.		
<ul> <li>The use of paradox in Hardy's At The Inn. Hardy suggests the paradox of his relationship</li> </ul>		
with the woman: back then ('that day afar'), they seemed to be lovers but weren't		
actually in a relationship; now, nobody observing them would think them lovers, but in	-	
fact they are.		Students will complete full
<ul> <li>Volta: A volta is a term that is used to describe the shift in ideas as a sonnet moves from</li> </ul>		written responses to weekly
the octave to the sestet. Often, the six line sestet presents an answer or a solution to the		
problem outlined in the eight line octave. This can be applied to Christina Rosetti's		extended writing tasks, with
Remember.		each week focusing on a
AO3 - Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts		different AO in relation to
are written and received.		Section B of paper 1.
Revisiting the pre-1900 anthology and the context in which they were written.		
<ul> <li>The Renaissance period was when Henry VIII was on the throne</li> </ul>		Students will complete
<ul> <li>Donne and Marvel were metaphysical poets</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Metaphysical tries to investigate the world through rational discussion</li> </ul>		revision of key themes and
<ul> <li>Metaphysical poets are interested in the relationship between the soul and body (neo-</li> </ul>		groupings from the pre-1900
platonism)		anthology.
Cavalier poets supported Charles I.		
<ul> <li>Cavalier writers got their name because they believed in pleasure and joy, this often</li> </ul>		
included gaining material wealth and having sex with women.		
The Restoration period was a time in British history which refers to the Commonwealth		
being restored (1649-1660)		
Romanticism was an artistic, literary and intellectual movement at the end of the 18th		
Century as a response to the industrial revolution	$\bigcirc$	
• The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood's intention was to reform art. They objected to classical	50	
poses and elegant compositions	223	
<ul> <li>'Fallen' women were a popular subject for Victorian art and literature – to reinforce</li> </ul>	, , ,	
values and warn against sexual temptation		
AO4 - Explore connections across literary texts.		Re-reading of key sections of
Grouping the pre-1900 poems by group based on themes.		texts
<ul> <li>Unrequited love: whoso list to hunt, non sum quails eram bonae sub regno cynarae.</li> <li>Marriage: whoso list to hunt, sonnet 116, the flea, the scrutiny, a song: absent from thee.</li> </ul>		Oral responses to questions
		orar esponses to questions
<ul> <li>Sex: the flea, to his cov mistress, the scrutiny, a song: absent from thee.</li> <li>Lust: the flea, to his cov mistress, the scrutiny, a song: absent from thee, the ruined maid</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Lust: the flea, to his coy mistress, the scrutiny, a song: absent from thee, the ruined maid.</li> <li>Love over time: to his coy mistress, remember, at an inn.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Love over time: to his coy mistress, remember, at an inn.</li> <li>Developing comparisons between unseen poems in relation to concepts of love by</li> </ul>		
examining the rhyme schemes (irregular, regular, rhyming couplets), structure (stanzas,		
quatrain, sonnets), imagery, metaphorical language, assonance, sibilance, alliteration.	1	

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AO5 - Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.		
• Sonnet 116: Formalist view that Shakespeare seems arrogant at the end of the poem that		
his idea may or could possibly be "error" or that error could be "proved".		
TALK LIKE AN EXPERT: Pre-1900 Anthology Analysis		
Consonance		
Enjambment		
Caesura	-	
Trochaic substitution	$\mathbf{O}$	
lambic pentameter	Y N	
Sonnet	U U	
Figura etymologica	•	
lambic tetrameter		Cross curricular: history pre-
Stanza		
Pronoun		1900
Archaic		
Parable		
Symbolism		
Irony Macabre		
Macable		
SPRING TERM 2: COMPARING TEXTS - THE GREAT GATSBY AND PRE-1900 POETRY	•	
This is an open book component of the exam, therefore students are allowed to take <b>blank</b> copies of		
the texts into the exam.		
AO1 - Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary text, using associated		The Great Gatsby
concepts and terminology.	•	
<ul> <li>Structuring a comparative response for paper 1 section C.</li> </ul>		Range of critical responses
<ul> <li>Introductions to comparative exam responses should be brief and to the point of the</li> </ul>		and contextual materials
question. Students should begin with begin with a thesis statement and then hypothesise		Pre-1900 AQA anthology
ideas that will be discussed.		с о <i>г</i>
• Developing the use of comparative phrases beyond "in comparison". Juxtaposingly,		
similarly, in contrast, alternatively, comparably.		
AO2 - Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.		
Revisiting the key concepts of love throughout the pre-1900 anthology:		
Class issues in Whoso List To Hunt, as the speaker's pursuit has failed.		
Physical love and desire in The Flea, in which we see the blood of two lovers come		
together.		
Unrequited love in To His Coy Mistress, as the poet tries to persuade a woman to sleep		
with him.		
Revisiting the symbols and motifs of The Great Gatsby and linking them to aspects of love such as:	Þ	Students will complete full
romance, desire and loss:		
Green is associated with money in The Great Gatsby and could be seen as Gatsby's love		written responses to weekly
and how he may have been blinded by it.		extended writing tasks, with
• The Valley of Ashes represents the impact of capitalist excess. Love is therefore blinded		each week focusing on a
by greed and affects our perceptions.		different AO and comparing
• The 'green light' is initially a metonymic representation of Daisy, representing her		
objectification in love.		the great Gatsby to pre-1900
AO3 - Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts		poetry.
are written and received.		
Revisiting the contexts of the great Gatsby:		Students will complete
<ul> <li>The author uses romantic and modernist language at the same time.</li> </ul>		revision of key themes,
• As a text regularly regarded as one of America's true literary masterpieces, Gatsby can		
been seen to explore and subvert all these tropes: The machine in the garden, The		sections and ideas from
American Adam, and the Virgin Land.		Gatsby and the pre-1900
• A period of many contradictions, the 1920s, commonly known as the Jazz Age.		anthology.
<ul> <li>In its exploration of class, Gatsby shows the supercilious and elitist nature of old money</li> </ul>		87
America, challenging the county's meritocratic ideals.		
Revisiting the contexts of the pre-1900 poems:		
Donne and Marvel were metaphysical poets		
<ul> <li>Metaphysical tries to investigate the world through rational discussion</li> </ul>	$(=)_{-}$	
<ul> <li>Metaphysical poets are interested in the relationship between the soul and body (neo-</li> </ul>	40	
platonism)	$\Omega \langle \langle \rangle$	
Cavalier poets supported Charles I and got their name because they believed in pleasure	/ Y \	
and joy, this often included gaining material wealth and having sex with women		
Romanticism was an artistic, literary and intellectual movement at the end of the 18th		
Century as a response to the industrial revolution		Re-reading of key sections of
• The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood's intention was to reform art. They objected to classical		
poses and elegant compositions		texts
Fallen' women were a popular subject for Victorian art and literature – to reinforce		Oral responses to questions
values and warn against sexual temptation.		
AO4 - Explore connections across literary texts.		
Connecting ideas developed in AO2 to one another.		



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<ul> <li>"Non Sum Qualis Eram Bonae sub Regno Cynarae" is about a young girl whom the poet is in love with, but never got over similarly to Gatsby's love for Daisy.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Green is associated with money in The Great Gatsby and could be seen as Gatsby's love.</li> </ul>		
Linking to pre-1900 poetry through fatal and tormented love in A Song (Absent from		
thee).		
Both T.J Eckleberg and Owl eyes wear glasses. Both seem to have unique powers of		
perception. Linking to pre-1900 Shakespeare's ideas of love being fixed in Sonnet 116.		
• Tom and Myrtle have a passionate relationship in the novel. This links to the sexual	()	
imagery presented in The Flea poem.		
<ul> <li>Daisy is the object of Gatsby's affection. Comparing to Byron's She Walks In Beauty in high have to bigge give an addeted as weathing!</li> </ul>		
which he puts his cousin on a pedestal romantically.		
<ul> <li>AO5 - Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.</li> <li>Developing the use of literary criticism to support arguments or counter argue against.</li> </ul>		
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argues that idealised love is an essential driving force.		
http://www.ijhssnet.com/journals/Vol 6 No 10 October 2016/24.pdf		Listers The Less Ass. The
Gretchen Danielle Fischle examines the great Gatsby from a feminist perspective, as		History: The Jazz Age, The
Fitzgerald uses the language spoken by his female characters to stand against a		Roaring Twenties, Flappers,
patriarchal representation.		Social class, pre-1900,
TALK LIKE AN EXPERT: The Great Gatsby Analysis		
The jazz age		
Symbolism		
Juxtaposition		
Participant narrator		
Modernist		
Romantic language		
Disrupted chronology		
SUMMER TERM 1: ALL TEXTS INTERLEAVED. STRUCTURING AN ACADEMIC ESSAY.		
AO1 - Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary text, using associated		
concepts and terminology.		
<ul> <li>Mastering the academic essay structure using model answers to examine where marks</li> </ul>	•	
have been achieved and the way in which essays are structured.		
Context is a useful way to add some 'bigger picture' perspective to your analysis, an		Extracts from all A-level texts
introduction – the part of your essay where you give a 'bigger picture' overview before going into detail – is the ideal place to include context.		Model answers
AO2 - Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.		
• Students will focus on picking out themes of the text and developing these ideas so that		
they can effectively connect their ideas as seen in AO4.		
<ul> <li>Developing their AO2 responses with links to themes such as: love, conflict and</li> </ul>		
relationships.	-	
The presentations of the societies the texts are set in will be examined, eg. The dystopian		Students will complete full
patriarchal society in the handmaid's tale and the 1940s America of A streetcar named		written responses to weekly
desire. • Examining the way in which language is adjusted in relation to gender, e.g. the language		extended writing tasks, with
<ul> <li>Examining the way in which language is adjusted in relation to gender, e.g. the language in the formining generals is supposed to appeal to women. Othelle's language can seem</li> </ul>	$\rho$	each week focusing on a
in the feminine gospels is supposed to appeal to women. Othello's language can seem quite proud and reinforcing of gender stereotypes.		different AO in relation to
Aure broad and removing of Bender Stereotypes.		one of the texts studied.
AO3 - Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which texts		one of the texts studied.
are written and received.		Studente will complete
Comparing the contexts of your two texts and their different (or similar) influences on the		Students will complete
texts is a good way to bring in both AO3 and AO4.		bespoke revision based on
Comparing the contexts of your two texts and their different (or similar) influences on the		their strengths and
texts is a good way to bring in both AO3 and AO4.		weaknesses.
Producing a contextual timeline that incorporates all of the texts covered on the A-level.		
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AO4 - Explore connections across literary texts.	40	
<ul> <li>The balance between similarities and contrasts should be quite even in your essay in order to domenstrate your ability to make different kinds of links</li> </ul>	$\Omega$	
order to demonstrate your ability to make different kinds of links.	( 1 )	
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texts is a good way to bring in both AO3 and AO4.		Re-reading of key sections of
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AO5 - Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.		Our lange of the second s
• Examining broad literary criticism that can be applied to a number of scenarios for their		Oral responses to questions
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	Geography: the use of location and setting