



AQA English Literature/Language

English Literature (1 GCSE – split into two papers)

Paper 1 – two extended writing questions:

- “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens
- “An Inspector Calls” by J B Priestley

Paper 2 – three extended writing questions:

- “Macbeth” by William Shakespeare
- Unseen poetry question 1 – analysis of how a poet presents their ideas

English Literature – the texts
Unseen poetry question 2 – comparison of methods in two poems
“A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46/46-h/46-h.htm>

“An Inspector Calls” by JB Priestley:

<https://arkvictoria.org/sites/default/files/%27An%20Inspector%20Calls%27%20%28Full%20Play-Text%29.pdf>

“Macbeth” by William Shakespeare (original and translation):

https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/macbeth/page_2/

English Literature – revision methods

The only useful revision for English Literature is:

- Re-reading the texts studied and revising their context.
- Selecting, copying and revising key quotations from each of the texts.
- Practising using and analysing key quotations by completing full responses to GCSE English Literature questions.

Questions from past English Literature GCSE papers can be found through the link below (select the “question paper” resources):

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>

Any completed responses should be given to your class teacher for feedback.

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Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing:

- Section A: reading a short fiction extract and responding to the text by –
 - Q. 1: identifying four pieces of information
 - Q. 2: analysing the author’s use of language
 - Q. 3: analysing the author’s use of structure
 - Q. 4: responding to a statement about the text
- Section B: producing a creative narrative or description based on a prompt or picture.

Paper 2 – Writers’ Viewpoints and Perspectives:

- Section A: reading two non-fiction extracts and responding to the texts by –
 - Q. 1: identifying four true/false statements
 - Q. 2: summary of differences/similarities
 - Q. 3: analysing the writer’s use of language
 - Q. 4: comparison of how both writers express their attitudes
- Section B: producing an argument for/against a statement in a particular style (e.g. article, speech, etc.)

English Language – revision methods:

For both Paper 1 and Paper 2, the best way to revise is:

- Time yourself answering Sections A and B of both papers. You should be spending no more than an hour for Section A and 45 minutes for Section B.

Questions from past Language GCSE papers can be found through the link below (you will need to select matching exam “inserts” and “question papers”):

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources>

Give completed responses to your class teacher for feedback.

“Mr Bruff” on YouTube has videos reminding you how to answer each of the questions on both papers. Follow the link to the channel and then click on the videos titled “AQA Language Paper 1” and “AQA Language Paper 2” (there are individual videos for each question in both papers):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w>

Revision guides for Literature and Language will be supplied.