

# The Journey to A-Level Literature and Language



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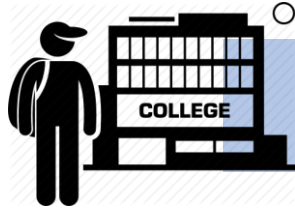
A reading list of some of the key texts is on each course page but there are some suggestions on the following page

**Read, read and read some more**

**Familiarise The Course Structure**

Each course is different so you need to know the specifics of yours

Look at articles on a range of topics at the British Library



**STEP 1**

**STEP 2**

**STEP 3**



Listen to a range of texts  
Audible is free at the moment for students



Topical Stories  
Download the Guardian App

**STEP 4**

Watch National Theatre Productions



**STEP 6**



**STEP 5**



**STEP 7**



Watch Globe Theatre productions

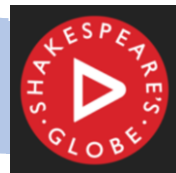
Some of the plays have been added for free

Listen  
Try a podcast a week

Research and create a fact file on different literary criticisms

Know the basics of Psychoanalysis, Marxism, Feminism and New Historicism

The National Theatre are streaming, for free, shows on a Thursday



**STEP 8**



**STEP 9**



**STEP 10**



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This list is not extensive, however these are the texts that many of the local colleges use. Use some of your time to read as many as you can from the list

## Shakespeare

Antony and Cleopatra  
Hamlet  
King Lear  
Othello  
The Tempest  
Merchant of Venice

## **PLAYS**

The Duchess of Malfi  
The Home Place  
A Streetcar Named Desire  
Play by Lucy Prebble  
Plays by Christopher Marlowe

## Poetry

Chaucer 'Wife of Bath'  
Keats  
Rossetti  
TS Eliot  
Larkin 'The Less Deceived'  
Love poetry of John Donne  
Sylvia Plath  
Ted Hughes  
Pre 1914 poetry

## FICTION

Handmaid's Tale  
The Great Gatsby  
The Wasp Factory  
The Colour Purple  
The History Boys  
Frankenstein  
War of the Worlds  
Never Let Me Go  
Dorian Gray  
Dracula  
The Litter Stranger  
Beloved  
Lady Audley's Secret  
The Moonstone

The Murder Room (PD James)  
Wuthering Heights  
Tess of the D'Urbervilles  
Mrs Dalloway  
A Thousand Splendid Suns  
In Cold Blood (Truman Capote)

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