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Why do you have to study GCSE English Literature?

Studying English Literature helps to sharpen your analytical skills. If you can take a text and find the themes plus connect it with other texts, theories and historical events, you are showing that you can handle complex ideas, search for patterns and interpret information in a wider context. You will also develop your planning and research skills as well as gain knowledge of history, culture, philosophy and even human behaviour.

Skills/attributes developed/required:

Communication skills: both written and spoken. The ability to closely read and analyse a range of different texts including poetry, plays and prose.

Examination Information

Exam Board: Eduqas

Exam: 100%

Course outline:

Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry (40% of the qualification)

Component 2: Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry (60% of qualification)

Where can it take me?

Next Steps: A good pass in English is necessary for college and A Level courses.

Future career opportunities that this subject may lead to: English is viewed very highly by all Higher Education institutions. Possible courses include; Law, Linguistics, Journalism and Education.

What do Year 10 and 11 say about English Literature?

"It is a lot of work but I feel that I can do really well."

"I like that I am reading books that I might not otherwise read."