



Course Information

A Level English Literature is a challenging course that builds on the skills acquired while studying for GCSE English Literature.

Students will develop their interest in, and enjoyment of, literature through reading widely, critically and independently. Texts will be taken across centuries, genre, gender and race. Students will explore connections and comparisons between texts, as well as considering the significance and influence of the contexts in which they were written and received. Over the two year course, this varied study will continue through the reading and analysis of drama, poetry and prose over time.

They will also complete two pieces of coursework which will be based on their own interests within the syllabus' constraints – some text pre- and some post- 1900.

Assessment:

Paper 1: Love through the Ages - Shakespeare, Poetry and Prose

(40% of A level)

3 hours exam

This paper looks at *Othello* by William Shakespeare, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and a selection of pre-1900 poetry including *The Flea*, *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*, *The Garden of Love* and *To His Coy Mistress*.

Paper 2: Texts in Shared Contexts Prose, Poetry, Drama

(40% of A level)

2 hours 30 minute exam

Focusing on modern identity and the related struggles, all literature on this paper is post-1945. Texts include Carol Ann Duffy's *Feminine Gospels*, *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker and *Our Country's Good* by Timberlake Wertenbaker.

Coursework: Independent critical study

(20% of A level)

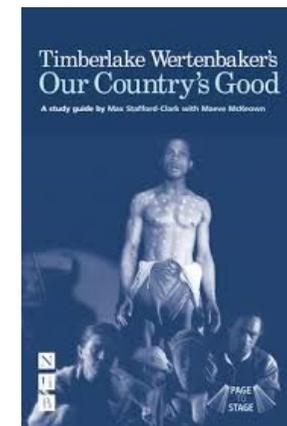
With one post and one pre-1900 text, this unit allows students to select their own texts for analysis and focus on an area of study they are particularly interested in.

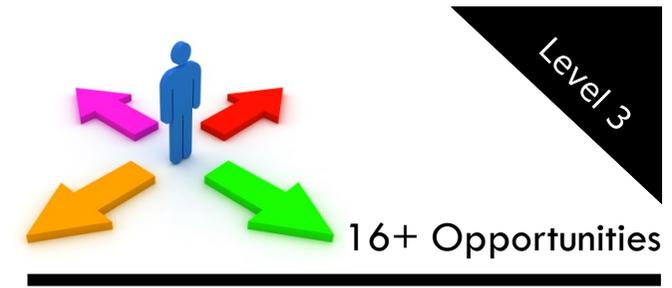
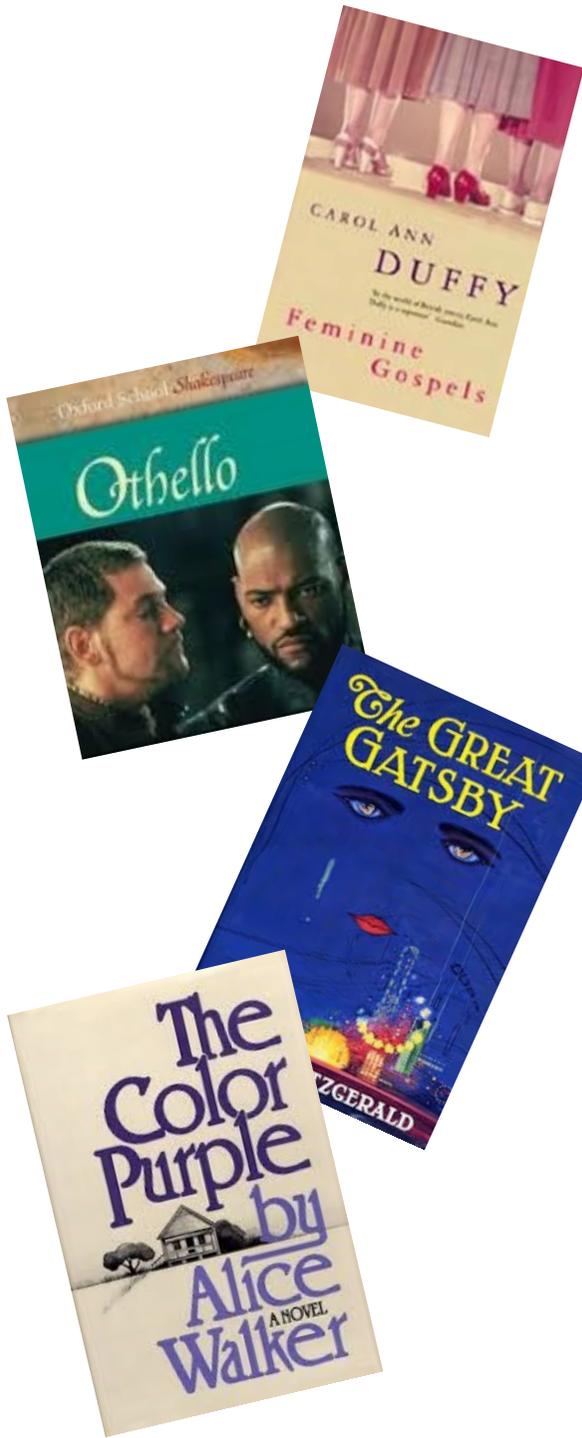
What could I go on to do after the course?

A Level English Literature develops many useful skills that employers and further education establishments recognise and appreciate.

You will develop skills in:

- ⇒ Close textual analysis
- ⇒ Reading and selecting appropriate material
- ⇒ Independent study
- ⇒ Writing logical and cohesive extended essays
- ⇒ Comparative study
- ⇒ Sociological and historical textual evaluation





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