

English Literature Summer Task 2017

When we teach texts at A Level, we expect you to have already read them at least once so your second and subsequent readings will reveal more to you about the themes, contexts, genre and style. Therefore, you will need to have read at least two of the texts by September, ready to analyse them in detail.

Your first task in September will be to take part in a class debate based on your summer reading of two of the tragedies being studied in the first year.

The texts you will be studying in Year 12 are:

- **Othello*, Shakespeare (Heinemann Advanced Shakespeare, ISBN: 978-0-435193-05-8)
- *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini
- *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller

After reading *Othello* and *Death of a Salesman*, which text do you consider presents the greater tragedy?

Prepare a two minute speech outlining your argument in response to this task. You will present your argument in a debate at the beginning of the autumn term.

Planning and preparation

What questions does this task raise for you?

(e.g. what is tragedy?)

How are you going to organise yourself for this task?

(e.g. reading time, note-making, summarising notes)

How do you prepare for a debate?

(e.g. what are my opinions; how can I argue them; how could I argue against others; how will I avoid reading from paper?)

Summer Task review

Name:

SKILLS	WWW	EBI
Plan and deliver detailed and informative presentations and resources; be prepared to lead sections of lessons		
Take an active part in discussions and debates, drawing on thorough knowledge of texts and contexts		
Use effective note-taking/note-making and summarising skills <i>e.g. Cornell note-taking system, abbreviations, mind-maps, flow charts, graphs, revision cards, colour coding, key quotations, notes on key concepts and terminology</i>		

HABITS	WWW	EBI
Meet deadlines and plan workloads and study time		

Some key terms for tragedy

- Failure
- Conflict
- Disaster
- Suffering
- Tragic hero
- Tragic villain
- Chaos/disorder
- Death
- Redemption
- Noble
- Inevitability
- Hubris