

## **A-Level Literature - Summer Task**

Kazuo Ishiguro's *Remains of the Day* is on our ['Recommended Reading list for KS5'](#) and therefore we would like you to read it before starting Year 12 in September!

Once you have read the novel, your job is to:

- Write an essay (word count 750 - 1000 words) answering the question:

**How does Ishiguro present memory and regret in *Remains of the Day*?**

You must include carefully chosen textual references and analyse Ishiguro's Language choices.

This task will give you an experience of the type of independent reading that will be expected of you. It will also expose you to reading and engaging with an unfamiliar, often challenging text, both essential skills needed for A Level Literature.

It would also be useful for you to do some research around the links between *Remains of the Day* and *Atonement* (the first text we will read) This will allow you to begin to make connections across texts over time, an important AO in this course.

Important note: Please ensure you have your own copies of *Atonement* by Ian McEwan and Shakespeare's *Othello* with you for the first lesson. Owning your own copy of the text allows you to make valuable notes and highlight key quotations which will be useful for revision.

Having an understanding of a text before we study it closely is always an advantage; if you would like to read the course texts prior to September, in addition to your summer task, please feel free to do so.

**They can all be found here:**

Recommended edition of *Othello*: Oxford School Shakespeare, *Othello*

ISBN-10: 0198328737

[Othello: Amazon Link](#)

Recommended edition of *Atonement*: Vintage, *Atonement*

ISBN-10 : 9780099429791

[Atonement: Amazon Link](#)

Recommended edition of *The Great Gatsby*: Wordsworth Classics, Gatsby  
ISBN-10: 185326041X

[The Great Gatsby: Amazon Link](#)

Recommended edition of *The Handmaid's Tale*:  
ISBN-10: 0099740915

[The Handmaid's Tale: Amazon Link](#)

Recommended edition of *A Streetcar Named Desire*: Penguin, Modern Classics.  
ISBN-10: 0141190272

[A Streetcar Named Desire: Amazon Link](#)

Recommended edition of *Feminine Gospels*: Picador

ISBN-10: 1509852913

[Feminine Gospels: Amazon Link](#)

We are really looking forward to seeing you in September!

- The Literature team