

A-Level Literature - Summer Task

‘Pain is part of love.’

***In light of the above statement, write an essay on a novel of your choice.
(750-1000 words)***

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 and develop some of the skills needed for your completion of the non-exam assessment at the end of Year 12.

Please feel free to refer to our [KS5 Recommended Reading List](#) when deciding which text to select for the pre-course task.

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