

## A Level English Literature Bridging Activities - Instructions

**Welcome to those of you joining us at Fortismere to study English at A Level.**

*The following instructions will guide you through the bridging work we would like you to do over the summer. This will give you a taste for the sorts of texts, ideas and activities you will be studying and will hopefully give you an opportunity to try out some new things! You should bring your work to your first English lesson in September.*

1. Buy folders and dividers for each of the units you will be studying next year:
  - Component 1: Drama and Poetry
  - Component 2: Comparative and Contextual Study.
2. Wider Reading: Read at least one of the books from the following reading [list](#).  
Alternatively, continue reading one of the books you analysed in the transition lesson.
3. Write a review of your chosen book (approx 200 words) and bring it to your first English lesson. Read [this article](#) for tips. Be ready to present your ideas to the class.
4. Critical Readings: Read the opening pages of two or three (or more) of these [books](#).
  - Which would you most like to go on to read? Why?
  - Select mini quotations which interest or please you. Use these to create a poster or slideshow.
5. Create an anthology of 5-10 poems on an idea/ theme of your choice.
  - Browse [these online poetry libraries](#) for inspiration.
  - Decide what your overall theme will be.
  - Write a short introduction, to give readers a sense of what the collection offers, picking out something special about each of your chosen poems.

### Challenge Activities:

Browse a [sample copy](#) of the English and Media magazine and make notes on an article that interests you.

Read one of the following [essays](#) and write a brief response to it.