

# English Literature Independent Study Guide

## Drama Paper: *A Streetcar Named Desire*

- Create detailed character logs with key quotes
- Create detailed scene logs with key quotes
- Create detailed theme notes
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- Research and write up your reactions to the contexts of America in the 1940s and earlier plantation life; attitudes to various issues discussed in class such as various prejudices.
- Research Tennessee Williams' life in detail and make a profile of how this may have affected his work
- Learn the style of the paper and expectations of the mark schemes for the Edexcel Drama Paper
- Practice essay questions
- Research contemporary audience reactions and critics' views on the play.
- Make genre notes- which genres does the play fit into and why?
- Make notes on how the play uses its form as a play effectively.

## Drama Paper: *The Shakespeare play.*

- Create detailed character logs with key quotes
- Create detailed scene logs with key quotes
- Create detailed theme notes
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- Research and write up your reactions to the contexts such as the setting of the play studied; attitudes to various issues discussed in class.
- Research William Shakespeare's life in detail and make a profile of how this may have affected his work
- Learn the style of the paper and expectations of the mark schemes for the Edexcel Drama Paper
- Write/ plan answers to practice essay questions
- Research audience reactions and critics' views on the play as well as the Edexcel Critical Anthology on Tragedy.
- Make genre notes- which genres does the play fit into and why?
- Make notes on how the play uses its form as a play effectively.

## Prose paper: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

- Create detailed character logs with key quotes
- Create detailed chapter logs for each chapter
- Create detailed theme notes; extra research on texts' contexts etc of the texts they are studying as well as set tasks that may set by their teachers; planning/ writing possible answers to exam questions against the exam board's mark schemes.
- Research and write up your reactions to the contexts and attitudes to various issues discussed in class..
- Research Khaled Hosseini's life in detail and make a profile of how this may have affected his work
- Learn the style of the paper and expectations of the mark schemes for the Edexcel Prose Paper
- Write/ plan answers to practice essay questions
- Research readers' reactions and critics' views on the novel.
- Make genre notes- which genres does the play fit into and why?
- Make notes on how the play uses its form as a play effectively.

## Prose paper: *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*

- Create detailed character logs with key quotes
- Create detailed chapter logs for each chapter
- Create detailed theme notes; extra research on texts' contexts etc of the texts they are studying as well as set tasks that may set by their teachers; planning/ writing possible answers to exam questions against the exam board's mark schemes.
- Research and write up your reactions to the contexts and attitudes to various issues discussed in class..
- Research Khaled Hosseini's life in detail and make a profile of how this may have affected his work
- Learn the style of the paper and expectations of the mark schemes for the Edexcel Prose Paper
- Write/ plan answers to practice essay questions
- Research readers' reactions and critics' views on the novel.
- Make genre notes- which genres does the play fit into and why?
- Revise key technical terms
- Make notes on how the play uses its form as a play effectively.
- Make comparative notes with *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

## Poetry Paper

- Create detailed notes on each poem with key quotes
- Create detailed notes on the poets' lives

- Research and write up your reactions to the contexts and attitudes to various issues discussed in class.
- Learn the structure of the Edexcel Poetry Paper
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- Write/ plan answers to practice essay questions
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- Revise key technical terms

### **Coursework**

Read widely to add to your knowledge and options. Not only is this very helpful to add to your overall understanding of Literature, but also you will need to choose two texts to write a comparative essay.

### **Helpful website (amongst others)**

<https://www.litcharts.com/>