

English Literature - Summer Tasks

Please choose ONE to complete on your chosen text and show your teacher in the first week of lessons.

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Choose a suitably challenging novel, poem (or collection of poetry) or a play (or do all three) to read before your course, and then complete TWO tasks below:

1. Take notes of any ideas or techniques that the writer used that interested you.
2. Write a critical review of the text. Here is an example, a review of *The Handmaid's Tale* in *The Guardian*:
<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2010/sep/26/the-handmaids-tale-margaret-atwood>
3. Do a piece of creative writing inspired by the text – this should in some way mimic the style of writing of the author – and write a commentary on how you have achieved this. Read a critical view of the text that you have chosen.
4. Create a short presentation (3–5 minutes), that you can deliver to your class and/or teacher, on the text which covers the basic ideas of the text but also considers it critically.