

## Fullbrook 6 Preparing for A-levels

Subject: **English Language and Literature**

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Resources for September:

- *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald (Penguin Edition - ISBN: 9780141182636)
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams (Penguin Edition - ISBN: 9780141190272)
- *Othello* by Shakespeare (Oxford School Edition - ISBN: 9780198328737)

### **Summer fun – useful resources:**

#### Books:

- *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath
- *Dubliners* by James Joyce
- *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *De Profundis* by Oscar Wilde
- *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller
- *The Second Sex* by Simone De Beauvoir
- *A Little Book of Language* by David Crystal

#### Websites:

- <https://lithub.com/>
- <https://blogs.bl.uk/english-and-drama/index.html>
- <https://www.rsc.org.uk/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language>
- <https://www.3ammagazine.com/3am/>
- <https://www.mcsweeneys.net/>

#### Podcasts:

- BBC Sounds: In Our Time
- The Bodleian Libraries BODcast
- En Clair
- The Literary Salon
- Lingthusiasm
- The Penguin Podcast
- Words and Nerds: Authors, Books, Literature
- Unpublished

Read a selection of the suggested books (or any other classic literature you're interested in)

As you read, consider and take note on:

1. What does the writer hope to achieve in their text? What is their message?
2. What tone do they create, how, and why?
3. For non-fiction texts, what voice are they conveying? How do they present a sense of authenticity?

Listening to podcasts can be a fun way to find new books, or new opinions about your favourite texts. To actively engage with the podcast, take notes on literary topics that you would want to research or discuss with an expert.

Enjoy!

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