

Fullbrook 6 Preparing for A-levels

Subject: **English Literature**

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Resources for September:

- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (ISBN: 9780099740915)
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (Penguin Classics Edition - ISBN: 9780141024448)
- *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe (Pearson/Longman Edition - ISBN: 9780582817807)
- *Hamlet* by Shakespeare (Oxford School Edition - ISBN: 978-0198328704)

Summer Resources – Getting a Head Start:

Books:

Mrs Strowger's favourite

- *1984* by George Orwell
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gillman
- *Dubliners* by James Joyce
- *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter
- *Edgar Allan Poe's Collection of Short Stories*
- *Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction* by Jonathan Culler
- *The Second Sex* by Simone De Beauvoir
- *The Ode Less Travelled* by Stephen Fry
- *Snow, Dog, Foot* by Claudio Morandini

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. Identify three or four key lines for unpicking and annotation – why did these lines stand out to you?

Websites:

- <https://lithub.com/>
- <https://blogs.bl.uk/english-and-drama/index.html>
- <https://www.rsc.org.uk/>
- <https://www.theparisreview.org/blog>
- <https://bookriot.com/>

Podcasts:

Mrs Strowger's favourite

- BBC Sounds: In Our Time
- The Bodleian Libraries BODcast
- Book Fight
- The Stories That Changed My Life
- The Penguin Podcast
- Words and Nerds: Authors, Books, Literature

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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