



Preparing for English Literature A Level

For year 12, you need to complete the following compulsory tasks:

1. Read <i>A Doll's House</i> , and research the writer: Henrik Ibsen, and the context in which he wrote
2. Rent <i>The Young Vic</i> , 2012, Carrie Cracknell production of <i>A Doll's House</i> from digital theatre: https://www.digitaltheatre.com/consumer/production/a-dolls-house
3. Read <i>Frankenstein</i> , and research the writer: Mary Shelley, and the context in which she wrote
4. Watch a film adaptation of <i>Frankenstein</i> . Refer to this article for suggestions: https://www.theguardian.com/film/2021/feb/11/the-20-best-frankenstein-films-ranked
5. Read <i>The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories</i> , and research the writer: Angela Carter, and the context in which she wrote

If you would like further suggestions for summer reading, we recommend that you read a novel by one of these fantastic 21st Century writers:

Ian McEwan	Jonathan Franzen
Jonathan Coe	Kazuo Ishiguro
Alan Hollinghurst	Zadie Smith
Sebastian Faulks	Alice Sebold
Lionel Shriver	Sally Rooney
Curtis Sittenfeld	Kate Atkinson
Donna Tartt	Tayari Jones

If you would like to take your exploration of great literature even further:

- Listen to a podcast such as: Penguin.co.uk – *25 of the best literary and book podcasts for book lovers*
- Read reviews of current releases to stay ahead of what is happening in the world of literature today. Try the culture/review sections in *The Guardian* and *The Times* (Saturday) and *Sunday Times* and *Observer* (Sunday)