



## Preparing for English Literature A Level

**For year 12, 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. Watch the Young Vic, 2012, Carrie Cracknell production of <i>A Doll's House</i> – this is available on digital theatre: <a href="https://www.digitaltheatre.com/consumer/production/a-dolls-house">https://www.digitaltheatre.com/consumer/production/a-dolls-house</a>
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: <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/film/2021/feb/11/the-20-best-frankenstein-films-ranked">https://www.theguardian.com/film/2021/feb/11/the-20-best-frankenstein-films-ranked</a>
5. Read <i>The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories</i> , and research the writer: Angela Carter, and the context in which she wrote
6. Read <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams
7. Read <i>Revolutionary Road</i> by Richard Yates

**For additional summer reading, try a novel by one of these fantastic 21<sup>st</sup> Century writers:**

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

**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)