



## 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. Record between 5 and 10 points of interest from your research
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-dollshouse">https://www.digitaltheatre.com/consumer/production/a-dollshouse</a>
3. Research Dystopian Literature. Create a simple document where you note: a definition of a Dystopian text; key features of the genre; and list some of the Dystopian texts you encountered through your research
4. Read <i>1984</i> , and research the writer, George Orwell, and the context in which he wrote. Record between 5 and 10 points of interest from your research
5. Read <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> , and research the writer, Margaret Atwood. Record between 5 and 10 points of interest from your research
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)