

GCSE

English Literature

English Language

**Revision Guidance**



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# AQA English Literature Overview

## Assessments

All assessments are closed book: any stimulus materials required will be provided as part of the assessment.

All assessments are compulsory.

### Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

#### What's assessed

- [Shakespeare plays](#) (page 11)
- [The 19th-century novel](#) (page 11)



At Tudor Grange we study:

Macbeth  
Jekyll & Hyde

#### How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

#### Questions

**Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B The 19th-century novel:** students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

### Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

#### What's assessed

- [Modern prose or drama texts](#) (page 11)
- [The poetry anthology](#) (page 12)
- [Unseen poetry](#) (page 13)



At Tudor Grange we study:

A Taste of Honey  
Power & Conflict Poetry Anthology

#### How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

#### Questions

**Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

**Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

# AQA English Language Overview

## Assessments

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

#### What's assessed

##### Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

##### Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

#### Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

#### Questions

##### Reading (40 marks) (25%)– one single text

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

##### Writing (40 marks) (25%)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

#### What's assessed

##### Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

##### Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

#### Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

#### Questions

##### Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

##### Writing (40 marks) (25%)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

## Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

### What's assessed

(AO7–AO9)

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of Standard English

### Assessed

- teacher set throughout course
- marked by teacher
- separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

# Revision Websites

## Educake

All students have access to a course specific website called **Educake**.

**Students should be aware of this.**

Educake will provide recall quizzes for all of our key texts. Students have a log in and should be regularly using Educake to recall key information about plot, characters and themes of their Literature texts.

[Help](#)[Contact Us](#)

**My Educake**

A student has asked a question. Click here to view.

**Here are your 3 most recent quizzes...**



[BBC Bitesize Literature](#)

[BBC Bitesize Language](#)

[PMT Revision- Language](#)

[PMT Revision- Literature](#)



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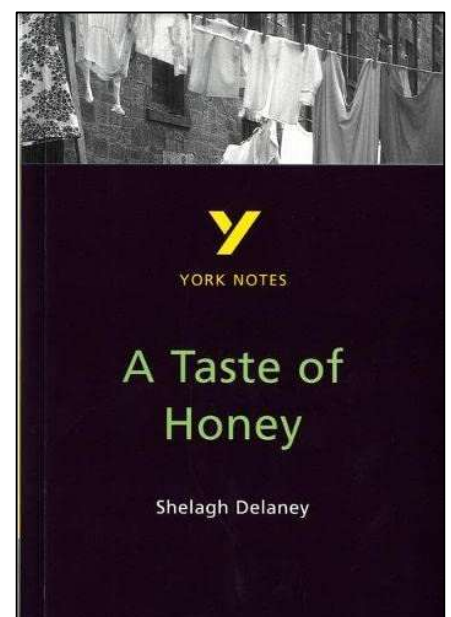
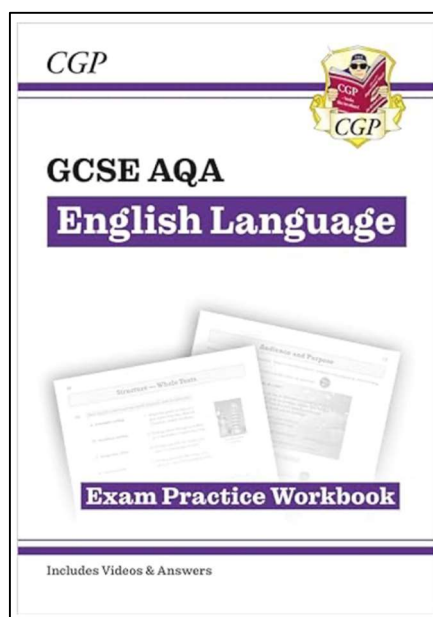
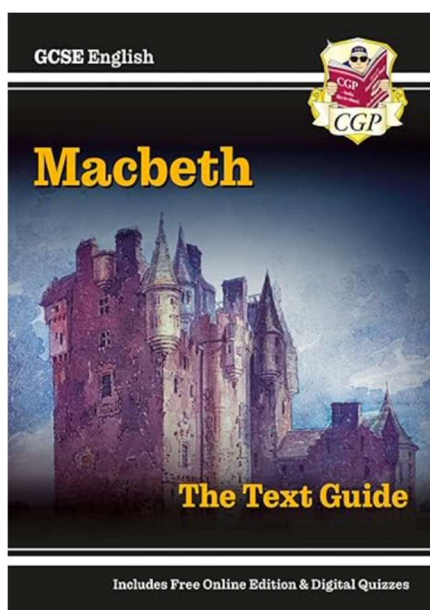


[Mr Bruff's YouTube Channel](#)

## Revision Guides

There are a number of different revision guides and workbooks available to purchase in bookshops/online for English. These are the ones we advise:

- GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide - Macbeth: ISBN 1841461164
- GCSE English AQA Poetry Guide - Power & Conflict: ISBN 1782943617
- GCSE English Text Guide - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde: ISBN 1782943080
- A Taste of Honey York Notes: ISBN 0582382297
- GCSE English Shakespeare - Macbeth Workbook: ISBN 1782947779
- GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Workbook: Power & Conflict Anthology: ISBN 1782948198
- GCSE English - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Workbook: ISBN 1782947795
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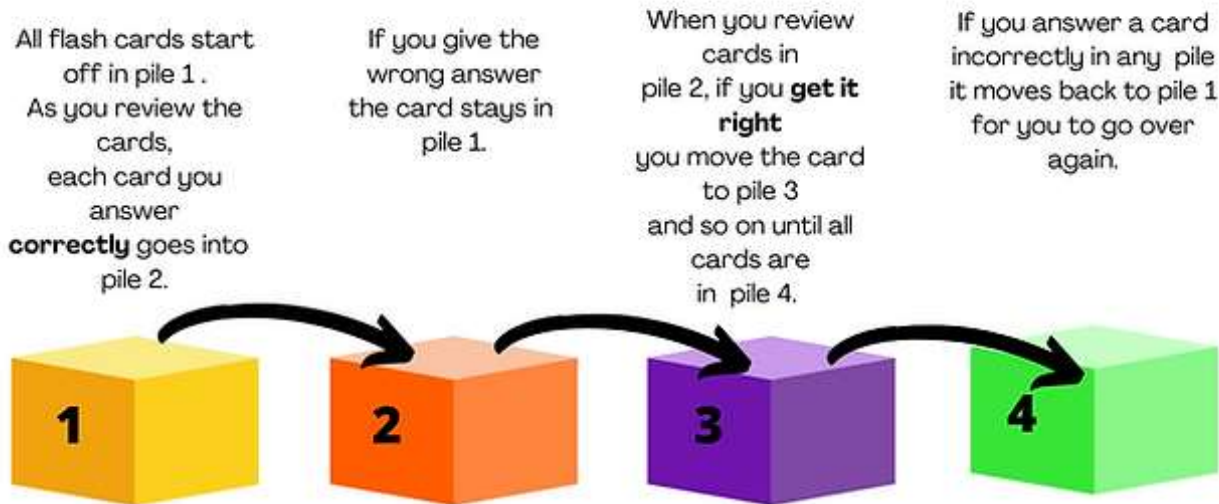




# Flashcards & Books

Students in KS4 create Literature flashcards for all the texts that we study. Follow the steps outline below to revise using your flashcards:

## Introducing the Leitner System



Students also have annotated booklets, knowledge organisers and decoded vocabulary maps in their exercise books that they should be using to self-quizz.

**Decoded Vocabulary Map**

**Tools for Opinion**

**Tools for Structure**

**Writer's toolbox**

**Genre Conventions**

**Whole-text level**

**Sentence-level**

**Paragraph level**

**Word level**