Welcome to GCSE English

In Term One of Year 10 we will begin by studying our GCSE Shakespearean play. Shakespeare's *Macbeth* is one of the greatest tragic dramas the world has known.

Complete tasks 1 and 2 to help prepare you to read this play for your English Literature GCSE.



Your summer holiday	Task 1) Complete your Macbeth summer homework PLC.		
tasks are:	Task 2) Watch the animated tales and create a storyboard mapping the		
	events of Macbeth.		
This will help you to be	Task 2) Support your understanding of the events in the play (AO1)		
successful in your GCSEs			
by:			
The minimum time this	Task 1) 10 minutes		
should take is:	Task 2) 1 hour		
You can find resources	BBC Bitesize – <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgq3dmn</u>		
to help you here:	SparkNotes – <u>https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/macbeth/</u>		
	Recommend revision guides are on the final page.		
Deadline:	Friday 13th September 2024		
	Bring in your completed summer homework to your first English lesson		
	in September.		
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Macbeth Summer Homework

PLC (Personalised Learning Checklist)

Task One) Complete the following PLC before you begin task two and three. Colour in the box that matches your confidence level.

Once you have completed task two and three, complete the PLC again to review your progress.

What do I need to know?	Before I start my summer homework	After I've completed my summer homework	Notes, targets or evidence.
I can explain the key events of Macbeth.			
I can name each character in the play.			
I can give at least 3 adjectives to describe the main characters in the play.			
I know who King James I was and how he influenced the play.			
I can explain the role of women during the Jacobean period.			
I know where the play is set.			
I can explain what the 'Divine Right of Kings' is.			
I understand what a Shakespearean tragedy is.			
I can explain what the key features of a Shakespearean tragedy are.			
I can explain what the cotemporary attitudes towards religion were during Jacobean period.			

Task two) Watch both videos below and make notes about the plot and characters in the play.

CHANGE your notes into a storyboard of the plot of Macbeth.

Animated tales: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfnUq2_0FOY</u> (25 minutes) SparkNotes: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzAujyWpK_s&t=378s</u> (9.20 minutes)

Extension: Can you include any quotations in your storyboard?

Things to include:

- Summary of the plot in chronological order
- Key quotations from the play
- Descriptions of the main characters, what they do and how they are connected.
- Images or drawings of key ideas and moments in the play
- Key vocabulary and phrases
- Brief descriptions of themes and wider ideas

Extension: Over and Above options						
Research what a soliloquy is and	Shakespeare invented lots of	Research the context of the play				
select one from Macbeth.	words and phrases that we still	and apply your knowledge by				
Look closely at the soliloquy and	use today. But despite this, some	writing a newspaper article set in				
note down why it is important.	people think that his works are	Shakespeare's time.				
Can you find and annotate any	outdated and should no longer be					
language devices used in your	studied in schools.	It should be about something to				
chosen soliloquy?		do with the play – such as an				
	Do some research on this topic.	opening night performance, the				
Use your notes to stage a	Present your findings and	use of witches or something of				
performance of your chosen	opinions in the form of a speech.	your choice.				
soliloquy. Record your	You can write or record your					
performance, ready to send to	speech.					
your Year 10 teacher in						
September.						

Recommended books and revision guides

Different versions of the text:				
WILLIAM SILAKESPEARE	We strongly recommend getting your own copy of the play to use in class. This way you can make notes directly on your copy as you are reading in class.	Macbeth by William Shakespeare (Wordsworth classics edition) ISBN-13: 978-1853260353		
	This book contains the complete text of Shakespeare's Macbeth, with straightforward notes on each page to explain the use of language, characterisation, themes, historical context and more.	CGP GCSE Macbeth – The complete Play ISBN-13: 978-1841461205		
STARTSTEARE - Company and the second se	This book contains a modern-day translation of the play alongside the original text to help students understand the meaning, ideas and events of the play.	No Fear Shakespeare - Macbeth ISBN-13: 978-1586638467		
	Revision Guides			
OCE English Water about Matchearta The Text Guide Text Grade b-1 Course	This revision guide has clear notes on the plot, characters, themes and historical background, plus practice questions to make sure you understand the main points.	CGP GCSE Text Guide – Macbeth ISBN-13: 978-1841461168		
	This revision guide has clear notes on the plot, characters, themes and historical background, plus practice questions to make sure you understand the main points.	Macbeth: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ISBN-13: 978-1447982203		