

WTBA Learning Journey: English Literature

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The overarching intent for A Level English Literature is to continue to promote a love of subject. The AQA English Literature course (specification A) is comprised of three elements: Love Through the Ages; Texts in Shared Contexts; and Independent Critical Study (Non-exam Assessment). The course as a whole utilises a historicist approach, and students will explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood, while being encouraged to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers through their own personal responses. The course does require students to be independent and read widely around the topic areas of each text, developing their knowledge of cultural capital. Existing skills will be built on from GCSE and students will be introduced to new and challenging concepts, terminology and critical ways of thinking, while learning to apply these skills to new and exciting texts. The shared context of the text types gives students' reading a clear focus and encourages them to develop close and comparative reading skills that are an excellent basis for studying the subject and those that are closely linked to A Level English at university and beyond Key Stage 5.

