



## KS4 English Language: Year 10 and Year 11

Exam Board: AQA

Specification:

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Topics Covered:

Non-Fiction extracts from 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> centuries

Fiction extracts from 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> centuries

Analysis of the effects of language

Information retrieval

Identification of facts and opinions

Analysis of the effects of structure in crafted writing

Writing to describe

Writing for a viewpoint and purpose eg. to argue and persuade

Links to helpful web-based resources:

BBC Bitesize

Seneca Learning

Suggested reading/ revision guides

Collins Snap Revision Guides

CPG Revision Guides

How is the course assessed?

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1hr 45 mins. 80 marks 50% of GCSE

Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

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)

Section B: Writing

descriptive or narrative writing

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

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

Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and Perspectives

1hr 45 min. 80 marks 50 of GCSE

Section A: Reading

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

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)

Section B: Writing

writing to present a viewpoint

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