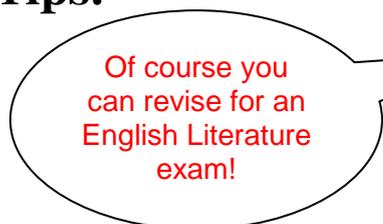


How to help your child revise for GCSE English Literature Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel and Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry.



You can't revise for an English Literature exam.

Top Tips.



Of course you can revise for an English Literature exam!

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REVISION TASK	WHAT WILL THIS HELP ME WITH?	TASK LENGTH	✓
GENERAL TASKS:			
Re-read your exercise book notes and condense them into a short booklet of 4 sides of A4 – pick out what you think are the most important <u>skills</u> you need to remember	This will help you to focus yourself on what you have learnt in lessons.	1 hour	
Purchase a copy of the following texts: Romeo and Juliet, Blood Brothers and The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde <u>OR</u> A Christmas Carol (your teacher will tell you which you need).	This will enable you to have a better understanding of the play and novel. You could keep your own notes in the book and use these for revision.		
Create a storyboard for the poems, plays and texts.	This will give you a better understanding of the plot and meaning.	10 minutes	
Create flash-cards of themes and characters with key quotes on them for all texts studied.	This will enhance your understanding of plot and character and give you easy revision notes for the exam.	30 minutes each text	
Purchase a copy of revision guides – we recommend the CGP revision guides for AQA. Please talk to your teachers for specific titles.	This will provide a helpful aid to your revision.		
Learn subject terminology for language and structural features with examples from the texts you are studying.	This will enable you to consider the method of the author and use appropriate terminology when doing so.	30 minutes each text	
Make a list of the pivotal / key scenes in Romeo and Juliet and The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde <u>OR</u> A Christmas Carol. Choose extracts from these scenes and annotate for language features, impact, significance to a theme, character and the overall outcome of the text.	This will enable you to focus on the key criteria the examiner will be looking for in the exam.	5 minutes	
Group all poems from the Power and Conflict Cluster into themes and provide quotes to support this.	This will allow you to understand how each poem connects and will give you a better chance at answering the comparison question.	30 minutes	
Write a list of all the key characters and themes in each text. Plan a response to a question on every one.	This will mean that you should go into the exam knowing that you can write about any given theme or character.	10 minutes per plan.	
Do online quizzes, create quizzes with your friends on each poem, play and text.	This will help you to test your understanding.	10 minutes	
Do sample questions provided by your teacher. First have ago with your notes next to you. Then try under timed conditions without any notes or the texts.	This will help you to write in timed conditions and get used to planning responses.	45 minutes	