

Y8 ROADMAP - English

Subject aim: To develop skills of reading , writing and spoken communication to enable students to better understand the world around them and to be able to express their understanding in the best possible words

TERM 1

How has Romanticism influenced the Literary Tradition?

You will study the Lady of Shalott by Tennyson and research Arthurian legends. You will learn how to analyse language carefully to find hidden meanings.

What is the Gothic tradition and how has it shaped Literature?

TERM 2

You will read an abridged version of “Wuthering Heights” and explore characterization and plotting through the lens of the Gothic tradition. You will use textual evidence to justify your opinions on the texts and will use close analysis techniques to explore how and why the author creates atmosphere and characterization.

TERM 3

How can authors I have studied this year inspire my own Gothic Writing?

.Using ideas from the stories we have read and other Gothic sources, you will develop your own creative writing and devise extended stories which use sophisticated narrative techniques to engage the reader, creating atmosphere and settings which engage the readers’ emotions.

TERM 4

How do writers use the supernatural to engage their readers?

TERM 5

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ASSESSMENT

- You will regularly receive Formative assessment within your lessons to ensure you know how to progress and improve
- You will use Knowledge Organisers regularly to develop your retrieval skills and ensure you retain the knowledge you have learned
- There will be Substantive assessments to test your Knowledge and Disciplinary assessments to test your Skills in each Unit, one of which will require extended writing

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- You will complete one session each week of online Bedrock Learning to develop your grammar and vocabulary skills at home, working independently.
- You will have regular opportunities to produce extended writing independently

ENRICHMENT

- You will have the opportunity to have a Zoom meeting with a professional author
- You will be able to join Readathon and writing competitions

What Next? You will explore a range of modern fiction, the detective genre and tragedy to discover how writers engage their readers