

Additional English Homework Tasks



Half Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn Half Term 1	Write your own Greek myth that covers two of the universal themes you have learnt about this year. 1000-2000 words. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Write the first chapter of a Gothic novel using all the conventions you have been learning about in class. 1000-2000 words. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Write a letter to your English teacher that introduces yourself and covers the theme of 'Where I want to be in ten years'.
	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Read a challenging classic novel - for example, something by Charles Dickens, Jane Austen or George Orwell. You could also ask your English teacher for advice.
Autumn Half Term 2	Write a story set in an icy wilderness. Your story should contain three characters, a tense situation and a cliffhanger.	This term Year 8s are reading William Golding's <i>Lord of the Flies</i> . Students should imagine that they are shipwrecked on a desert island with their classmates. Students should write a speech arguing that they should be made leader of the island. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Using Noughts and Crosses as your inspiration, write the opening to a dystopian novel which uses a dual narrative to show different perspectives. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.
	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Read a challenging classic novel. You could also ask your English teacher for advice.

Spring Half Term 1	Choose a prompt from this website to inspire a piece of creative writing: https://blog.reedsy.com/creative-writing-prompts/	Use this website to find a poem that you have not read before. Learn the poem off-by-heart and recite it to friends and family: https://www.poetryfoundation.org/	Go to the school LRA and ask one of the librarians for a recommendation for a new book that features a subject or theme you are interested in. Read the book and write a review for the library website.
		Add 800 + extra sparx points	Read a challenging classic novel. You could also ask your English teacher for advice.
Spring Half Term 2	Write a 500 word speech persuading an audience that you should be made Prime Minister. .	Watch a film version of a Shakespeare play (<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , for example). When you have finished, write a review of the film and send the review to your English teacher.	Write a modern day play version of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> set at Durrington high school. Email it to you English teacher when it is complete.
	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Head onto: https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/life-and-times/ Create a Powerpoint that you would present to your peers on: Shakespeare's life, social and historical context.
Summer Half Term 1	Write a poem (or anthology of poems!) based on the six universal themes we study in English at Durrington: death, conflict, power, relationships, love and gender.	Write a poem based on the theme of identity. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Research and create a presentation suitable for teenagers entitled 'Poets and War' You should include your own independent research in to poems
	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Prepare a speech for a teenage audience on a subject that you feel passionate about and share with your teacher
Summer Half Term 2	Write the first chapter of a novel set in a secondary school. When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Write the first scene of a modern play based on <i>Blood Brothers</i> . When it is complete, email to your English teacher.	Use the following link to research and create a presentation on A Christmas Carol medieval-origins-of-the-christmas-carol.html
	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Add 800 + extra sparx points	Develop your reading skill and help to prepare yourself for GCSE English by reading one of the following novels : <i>Jayne Eyre</i> , <i>Oliver Twist</i> , <i>Great Expectations</i> or <i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i> .