

INDEPENDENT STUDY

for New Students to – A Level ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE Summer 2018

Component 1 – ‘Voices in Speech and Writing’	1 Exam Paper	(40%)
Component 2 ‘Varieties in Language and Literature’	1 Exam Paper	(40%)
Coursework	1 piece of Fiction 1 piece of Non-fiction 1 analytical commentary on how you have constructed your coursework.	(20%)

Main Activities

1. Collect together as many different examples of types of texts (both spoken and written) as you can and put them in a folder. For example, you may collect emails, blogs, transcripts, articles, openings of novels, newspaper report, sports commentaries, adverts, extracts from a play or any other type of text you discover. Bring your folder with the extracts to your first lesson.
Choose one text and adapt it into a scene from a play. Or if you have a play extract adapt it into a section from a novel. 700 words

2. Research the following words and start to set up your own glossary of linguistic and literary terms: adjacency pairs, context, deixis, ellipsis, graphology, idiolect, jargon, lexis, modifiers, onomatopoeia, paralinguistics, register, syntax and taboo language.

3. Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Research and make notes about with links using quotes from the novella on: the American Dream, the Valley of Ashes, Long Island West and East Egg differences, marriage, prohibition, crime, the roaring twenties, the flapper, women in US in 1920s, race in 1920s. There are a number of free online texts you can read. We use Wordsworth Classics version at approx. £2 if you want to buy your own copy. We issue books free only from September when classes begin.

Extension Activities

- a. Read *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. Watch a YouTube version of the play as you read if this helps. Once again there are free online electronic texts available to read.
- b. Make notes on the social historical contexts of the lives of Afro-Americans in the 1950s. Write out 5 quotes from the play that link with aspects of the research that you have done.

Present your independent study in a folder. This could be the start of your A Level English Language and Literature folder of class notes, homework and assessment. You will need pens, pencils rubber and sharpener. Please come prepared. If you have any questions and/or require further advice please email Head of A Level English and MFL at Adrian.price@coulsdon.ac.uk.