

Your Year 8 English/Literature Learning Journey

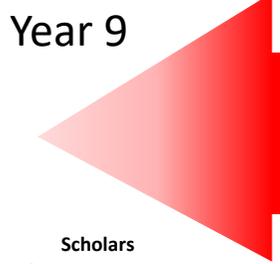


Each unit will help you to develop ASPIRE habits.

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Read a Carnegie Award book.



Don't forget to read for 30 minutes and complete your reading record every day! It is the best way to build your English skills quickly!



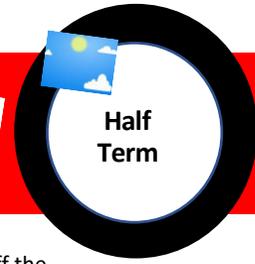
Make sure you read lots over the summer!

Studying a Play



- How to approach analysing a play
- Exploring the impact of form and structure
- Expressing opinions about character and theme
- Using physical aspects to present character and explore a narrative

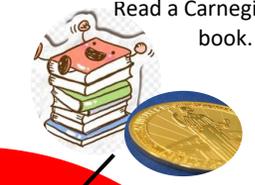
Assessment Week



The Media



- Exploring the impact of language and presentation in news stories.
- Challenging fake news and how to spot it
- How the media has developed and evolved over time
- Using these skills in your own writing
- Developing a further understanding of non-fiction writing.



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Write your own poem inspired by one of the poems we have studied



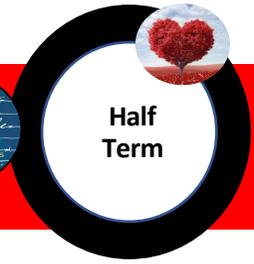
Skills:

- How to approach analysing a poem
- How to express your ideas on different texts through analytical writing

How many books have you crossed off the 'Bookopoly' board so far?



- Exploration of plot, character, theme, structure and context throughout a whole novel
- Exploration of the impact of linguistic choices and how they have an impact on the reader
- Developing analytical writing skills and supporting personal interpretations



Understanding Tragedy: Othello

- Learning more about the vocabulary and structure of a Shakespearean tragedy.
- Analysing Shakespeare's linguistic and poetic choices
- Considering audience reaction to the portrayal of characters and plot development.



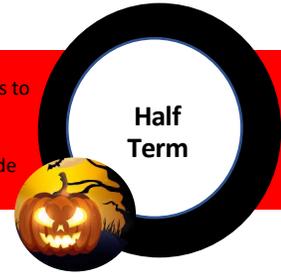
Shakespeare



Poetry from Other Cultures

Knowledge:

- How writers use different forms to explore different emotions and express them to an audience.
- Contextual factors behind a wide range of poetry



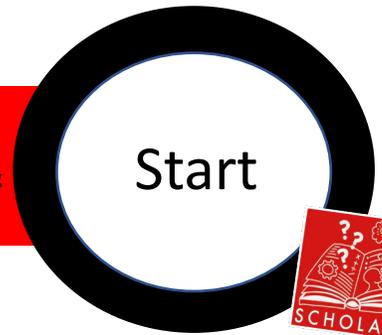
Class Novel: 'The Boy on Top of the Mountain' or 'Salt to the Sea'

- Writing your own stories inspired by the stimuli
- Exploring the impact of your own linguistic and structural choices on the reader.
- Developing proof reading skills



Structure and Short Stories

- Confidence in the classroom.
- Reading and watching texts with different structures and perspectives and evaluating their impact on the reader.



Your teacher will suggest scholars activities throughout the year, make sure you give as many as possible a go! There are some ideas on here!

Scholars
Visit a gallery or museum (this could be a virtual visit) and find an artefact. Use it to inspire a piece of creative writing.

