



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

English Literature A Level – OCR H472

Purpose of task:

The tasks below will encourage students to consider their understanding of genre and to consider new ways of reading

Recommended resources: Massolit:
<https://massolit.io/subjects/english-literature/landing>

Task 1:

Watch and make notes on the following Massolit lecture on genre: <https://massolit.io/courses/genre-in-literature>

All current THS students can login using their school email/password and new students can use this temporary login:

Email: massolit@ths.wessex.ac

Password: massolit (all lower case)

Task 2:

Complete a short piece of writing which outlines your favourite genre and explains its key elements, including the details of texts you enjoy.

Task 3:

Use Massolit to explore an area of literature with which you are unfamiliar. Go to the literature section of Massolit and explore! You could watch a series on feminist literary theory, Marxist theory or ecocriticism:

<https://massolit.io/courses/ecocriticism>

<https://massolit.io/courses/feminist-literary-criticism>

<https://massolit.io/courses/marxist-literary-criticism>

Task 4 (Optional):

Read a chapter of a book about books. Read a chapter from David Lodge's *The Art of Fiction*: Chapter 1 Beginnings, and Chapter 34 The Unreliable Narrator are available in hyperlink: [Beginnings \(002\).pdf](#) [The Unreliable Narrator \(002\).pdf](#)

Deadline for Task: First lesson in the week commencing 14th September 2026

Additional Information:

Required Stationery and Equipment for English Literature

Lever arch file with dividers to store notes at home
Plastic wallet or smaller folder to store current notes
Pens, highlighters, A4 paper.

Essential Resources

Pens, paper, folders to organise your written notes throughout the year.

Things to Consider Throughout the Year

You will be encouraged to participate in enrichment activities which may include:

- Theatre trips
- Participating in workshops and film screenings taking place in school

Recommended extension reading & activities list:

Read something for pleasure and apply what you have learned about different genres and ways of reading texts to whatever you choose to read.

Listen to a literature podcast. Any of the following would be good places to start – their approaches and styles are very different.

Radio 4 Open Books podcast:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qp6p>

The Guardian Books podcast:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/series/books>