

Key Stage 3: Year 7

Overall Curriculum Goals					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the roots of English and its significance in everyday life through the ages To understand how language and literature has shaped people, communities and civilisation for thousands of years To understand the range of purposes and the impact that English has had, currently has and will have on the world 					
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Myths and Legends Roots of civilisation, traditions and language. THE ILIAD	Medieval British myths and legends Roles of people in British society CHAUCER	Renaissance Monarchy – Reformation – Parliament Shakespeare analysis THE TEMPEST		Romanticism Female authors – extracts Genres Romantic poets BLAKE/WORDSWORTH/SHELLEY/WOLLSTONECRAFT/AUSTEN	
Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas	Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas	Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas		Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas	
What is the origin of storytelling? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral tradition & bards Epic poetry and epithets for memorisation Myths continue to influence modern culture What was the purpose of creation myths? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient storytellers used myths as a way of making sense of the world (good, evil, natural phenomena etc.) What was the definition of a Homeric hero? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Homeric hero was a strong demi-God with military prowess Honour, glory and pride were important to Greek heroes War trophies were symbols of honour A Homeric hero should not be excessively cruel How does Achilles fit and break with the above conventions? How has the concept of heroism evolved over time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achilles fits and breaks the conventions of a Homeric and tragic hero. He is arguably not a hero by modern standards. How do we write effective analytical paragraphs? (the what) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing thesis statements/topic sentences 	What is the role of genders? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men – bravery, courage and knighthoods How does Chaucer characterise? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat & round characters Flaws & facades How is religion and the crusades significant? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how people acted upon their 'honour' How do we write effective descriptions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating character Grammar for writing (expanded noun phrases etc.) Vocabulary: Omniscient Omnipresent Omnipotent Ominous Conformity Elitism Nobility Peasant Chivalry Stereotype	What was life in the 1500s and 1600s? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rural life and illiteracy Social status and beliefs Power of the English word and the English bible Role of theatre – 'the nest of devils' Role of characters Role of women in life and stage How is power presented in The Tempest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power as corrupting Power as a male pursuit (link to myths) Power found in knowledge versus power found through status & titles Power & magic (Prospero's art) Power and colonialization/enslavement (Caliban & Ariel) How is vengeance presented in The Tempest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An obsession (link to myths) & unfulfilling Idea of Christian forgiveness How do we write effective analytical paragraphs? (the what) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing thesis statements/topic sentences Embedding quotations Explaining the relevance of selected quotations Vocabulary: Colonialism Patriarchy Enslavement Exploiting Hierarchy Displacement Tempest Injustice Regicide Imperialism Usurpation		What did romantic writers believe in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The power of the imagination The innocence of childhood Giving a voice to the marginalised (inspired by The French Revolution) The Sublime Reverence for nature How did romantic poets use poetry as a form of protest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blake criticises child labour Wordsworth & slavery Shelley & political corruption Use of form, metre, poetic devices etc. Why did Shelley write Frankenstein? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To warn about the dangers of science, technology and hubris (links to hubristic Achilles & Prospero) To evoke sympathy for the monster as an outsider/foreigner/marginalised being Reverence for nature e.g. Victor and ancient mariner defy this and are punished whereas monster is at one with nature (links to Caliban) What issues did Wollstonecraft address? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender inequality The theatrics of sentiment & manners Beauty vs sublime How do we write effective protest poems? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration of modern issues (e.g. Global Warming, hunting, prejudice, poverty, homelessness...) Grammar for writing poetry (noun phrases, poetic form, sounds, images etc) Vocabulary: Sublime Sentimental, sentiment, sentient Inspiration Liberalism – Radicalism – Conservatism - Nationalism Anti-establishment Spontaneous Tranquillity Rebel	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding quotations • Explaining the relevance of selected quotations • Grammar for analysing (noun appositives and present/past participle verbs for topic sentences, nominalisation) <p>Vocabulary: Civilisation Divinity Hubris Glory (kleos) Honour (arête) & dishonour Wrath (menis) Vengeance & avenge Bereavement Hierarchy Virtue</p>				Awe Revere & venerate Duality Marginalisation	
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GOTHIC: DRACULA		EDWARDIAN: VOTES FOR WOMEN		20 th CENTURY WAR/DYSTOPIA	
Victorian Focus on the rise of gothic and how it represented Britain at that time. Religion vs Science The rise of science Society and poverty		Edwardian Social life and social change Rise of radio and scripts Creative writing for identity		Decadence to Modernism Drama as a symbol Positive ideas for a new future Poetry of WW1 Language of hope Literature of hedonism EXTRACTS	
Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas		Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas		Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas	
What was life like in the Victorian era? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battles for and against Christianity Poverty Crime (Jack the Ripper) Children Ragged Schools – Blue Coat school 1834 Penny dreadfuls and newspapers Sensationalised media as entertainment Rise of literacy and stories as entertainment/morally justified Literature celebrity Why did Bram Stoker write Dracula? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played on real Victorian fears of outsiders, supernatural etc. Key themes of illness, madness & confinement How is a sense of fear created? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gothic settings Building of tension How do we write effective analytical paragraphs? (the how) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing thesis statements/topic sentences Embedding quotations Explaining the relevance of selected quotations Zooming in on language and its effect Grammar for analysing (modal language, evaluative adverbs etc) Vocabulary: modernity foreign/exotic supernatural superstition metamorphosis patriarchy/class/aristocracy Christian iconography		What was life like in the Edwardian era? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio's impact on society Suffragettes and empowerment Propaganda Non-fiction pamphlets Blues' letters War's influence on literature Social justice after the war How does Robins' play serve as a political protest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of rhetoric and characterisation to argue for suffrage How can we write effective rhetoric? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Aristotelian Triad Rhetorical devices (repetition, questioning, allusion, anecdotes etc.) Classical speech structure Vocabulary: Ethos Logos Pathos, sympathy, empathy & pity Opposition, opponent, oppose Manipulate/manipulation Authority Bias Presumption, presupposition, preconception, preconceived Commodity Stereotype (revision), archetype		How did two world wars change the nature of writing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> War poetry and descriptions used to criticise & expose injustice (link to solitary and infinite sublime) Why did dystopian fiction grow in popularity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hell n Earth of war served as inspiration for a new wave of dystopian fiction Political regimes (Stalinism, Nazi Germany) influenced writers to create nightmare worlds Theme of lack of freedom, constant monitoring Link to modern issues of surveillance and authoritarian regimes How do we write effective descriptions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating dystopian settings Grammar for writing (expanded noun phrases etc.) Vocabulary? Trauma Psychological Expose Inhumane Doomed Shame Illuminate Propaganda Conscriptio Sacrifice Colonialism Imperialism Savage Dictator Democracy Utilitarianism	

fear/horror/tension/suspense/trepidation/ominous foreshadowing epistolary melodramatic				Interrogation Oppression Repression	
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POSTMODERN ISSUES: OTHELLO Fake news Danger of a single-story Racism & fear/power of outsiders Language to influence & manipulate		GLOBALISATION: THE CRUCIBLE Post-Modernism New world and social fears Role of literature as protest POST-MODERNISM STYLES		MODERN VOICES Poetry from other cultures and other demographics Creating poetry to show our voices Writers and how they create voices and identities Things Fall Down (Chinua Achebe) of identity in literature	
Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas		Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas		Key Vocabulary/Concepts/Ideas	
How does Iago manipulate the other characters? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of rhetoric Manipulation of language Power of implication How does Othello follow the journey of a tragic hero? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of a tragic hero (link to Myths in year 7) Journey of a tragic hero Compare to The Tempest in year 7 and genre of comedy versus tragedy How does Othello reflect postmodern issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iago effectively convinces Othello of his fake news Iago's single story causes tragedy – importance of representation of all voices How can we write effective rhetoric? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Aristotelian Triad Rhetorical devices (repetition, questioning, allusion, anecdotes etc.) Classical speech structure Vocabulary: Manipulation Philosophy Promotion Racism Lieutenant Watch (n) Ancient (n) Embittered Duplicitous		What is an allegory? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of political play genre (link back to Robins' Votes for Women) to convey a message about 1950's America 1950's America and McCarthyism Anti-communist propaganda Hysteria in 15th century Salem witch hunts used as lens through which to criticise communist withchunts How is John Proctor a modern tragic hero? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to Othello and Shakespearean tragic hero: look at how the concept of tragic hero has changed through time to suit modern purposes How do we write effective analytical paragraphs? (the how) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing thesis statements/topic sentences Embedding quotations Explaining the relevance of selected quotations Zooming in on language and its effect Evaluating writers' intentions Making cross-references and links across a full texts (patterns, repeated motifs etc) Structuring full essays (introductions, body, conclusion) Grammar for analysing (discourse markers, modal language etc.) Vocabulary: Communism Hysteria Puritanism Integrity Defamation Reputation Adultery Autocracy Condemnation Justification, injustice Devout		How are modern voices reflected in writing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poems from other cultures (link to Romantics protest poetry) Stories from other cultures e.g. Chinua Achebe & Arundati Roy & how language is used to reflect their identities in writing How is Okonkwo a tragic hero? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Okonkwo as the African Achilles: hubris perpetuates his downfall Importance of identity & culture How do we write effective reflections of our identity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar for writing poetry Using poetic devices to create a voice and message that reflects our personal story Minute of Me stories Vocabulary: Identity Equality Virtuous Individualism Perspective Oppression Ignorance Refugee political asylum hostility persecution ethnicity tyranny democracy trauma	

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