

GCSE English Language Paper 1

Reading
fiction
texts

Writing to
describe or
narrate

Explorations in Creative
Reading and Writing

Extracting explicit
information

Analysing
language

Analysing
structure

Evaluating
texts



What do I need to
know?

Writing for purpose
and audience

Using language and
structure for effect

Using varied and
accurate sentences

Using varied and
accurate punctuation

GCSE English Language Paper 2

Reading literary non-fiction

Writing to express opinions

Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives

Extracting implicit information

Summarising information

Analysing language

Comparing writers' viewpoints

Writing for purpose and audience

Using language and structure for effect

Using varied and accurate sentences

Using varied and accurate punctuation



What do I need to know?



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What do I need to know?

Shakespeare 'Romeo and Juliet'

Plot

Act 1: Feuding families; Romeo and Juliet meet

Act 2: Nurse and Friar Lawrence attend secret wedding

Act 3: Mercutio and Tybalt are killed; Romeo banished

Act 4: Juliet fakes her own death

Act 5: Romeo returns to Verona; Romeo and Juliet kill themselves

Characters

Capulets

Juliet

Lord and Lady Capulet

Tybalt

Nurse

Montagues

Romeo

Lord and Lady Montague

Benvolio

Others

Friar Lawrence

Paris

Mercutio

Prince Escalus

Themes

Violence and conflict

Love and relationships

Fate and destiny

Adults and children

Writer's Methods

Prologue

Imagery

Religious language

Contrast e.g. light and dark

Semantic field of stars

Dramatic irony

Context

Different parent/child relationships

Attitudes to love and marriage

Attitudes to men and women

Belief in God and religion

'A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life.'



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What do I need to know?

19th Century Novel 'A Christmas Carol'

Plot

Stave 1: Scrooge refuses to help others; Marley's warning

Stave 2: The Ghost of Christmas Past

Stave 3: The Ghost of Christmas Present

Stave 4: The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

Stave 5: Scrooge is a changed man

Characters

Major Characters

Scrooge

Marley's Ghost

The Ghost of Christmas Past

The Ghost of Christmas Present

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

Other Characters

The Cratchits

Fred

The Fezziwigs

Belle

Fan

Themes

Wealth and Poverty

Social responsibility

Redemption and transformation

Family

Christmas

Writer's Methods

Personification

Similes

Pathetic fallacy

Contrast e.g. *rich and poor*

Lists

Exclamatory sentences

Context

Victorian attitudes to poverty

Attitudes to death and the supernatural

Belief in God and Christianity

Victorian attitudes to families

'A squeezing, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!'



GCSE English Literature Paper 2

What do I need to know?

Modern Play 'Blood Brothers'

Plot

Act 1

Poverty forces Mrs Johnstone to give one of her twin baby boys away to her wealthy employer. Seven years later, the boys become friends and 'blood brothers'. Despite their efforts, the two mums cannot keep the boys apart.

Act 2

As they grow up, the lives of the two boys become increasingly different and unequal. When one brother discovers that they are actually twins, jealousy and anger causes them both to die.

Characters

The Johnstones

Mrs Johnstone

Mickey

Sammy

The Lyons

Mrs Lyons

Mr Lyons

Edward

Other characters

The narrator

Linda

Policeman

Teacher(s)

Themes

Violence

Social inequality

Education

Nature Vs nurture

Childhood and family

Writer's Methods

Prologue

Lyrics

Colloquial language

Motifs

Cyclical structure

Foreshadowing

Context

1970s Liverpool

Traditional attitudes to families

Attitudes to wealth and poverty

Attitudes to education and work

'They say that if either twin learns that he was once a pair, they shall both immediately die.'

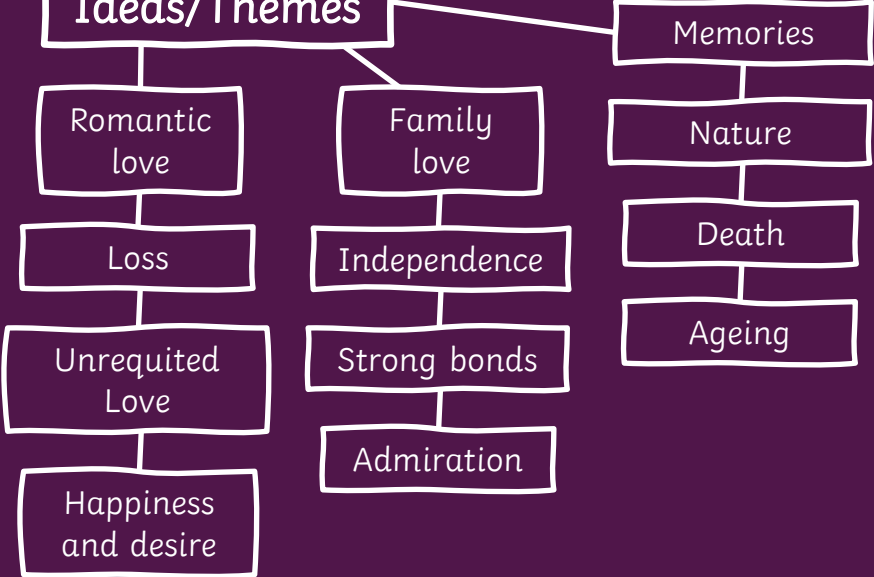


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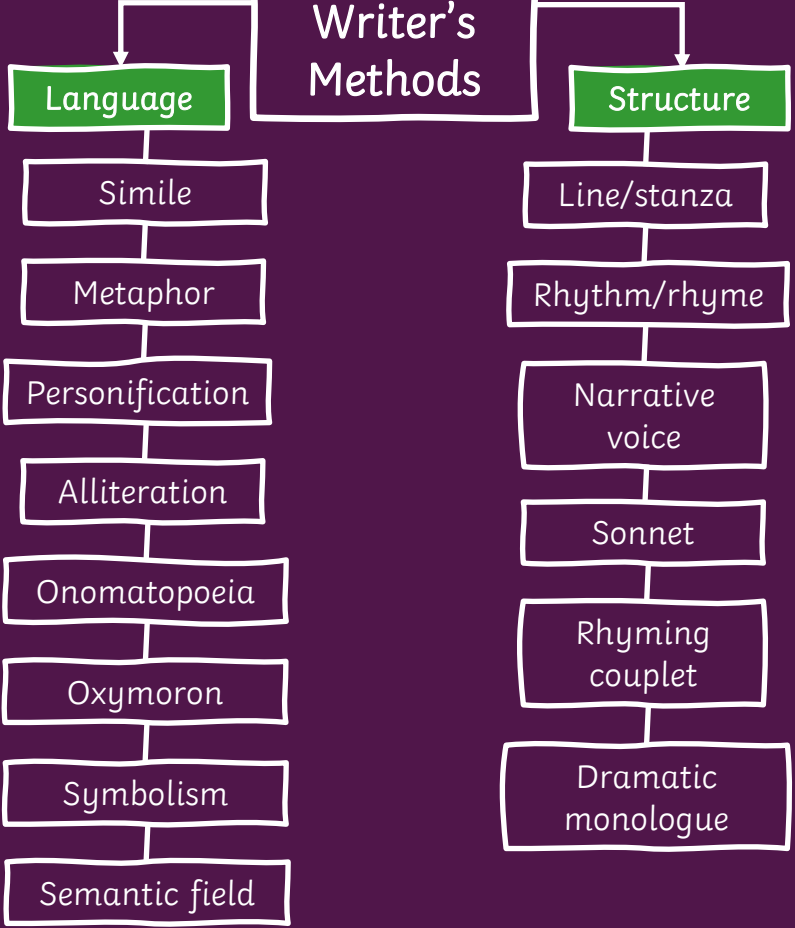
What do I need to know?

AQA Poetry Anthology 'Love and Relationships'

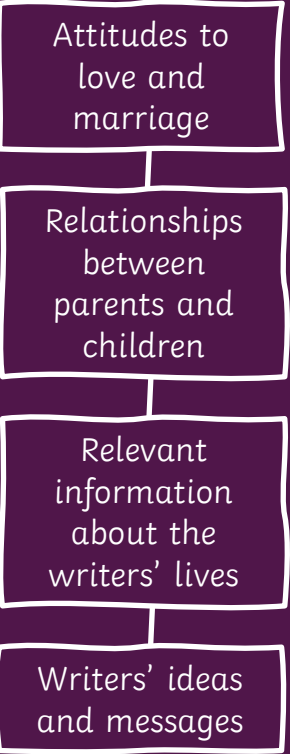
Ideas/Themes



Writer's Methods



Context



'I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,
Yapping always. But today
It is my father who keeps stumbling
Behind me, and will not go away.'