



## ENGLISH LITERATURE SUMMER TASKS

**First of all, congratulations on selecting a fabulous A Level course! English Literature is a course that is challenging, rewarding and engaging and we hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.**

**Below are a series of tasks that we would like you to complete in order to prepare yourself for studying A Level English Literature.**

- Buy and read the first few chapters of the following novels:  
Spies by Michael Frayn; The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
- Buy and read the opening scenes of the drama texts All My Sons by Arthur Miller and Othello by William Shakespeare
- Buy and read 5 poems from the poetry text Feminine Gospels by Carol Ann Duffy
- Organisation Task  
Buy a lever arch file and some file dividers. Divide your file into the following sections, in this order:
  1. Course Information: syllabus info, programme of study, terminology sheets etc.
  2. Paper 1 Section A Othello
  3. Paper 1 Section B Unseen Poetry
  4. Paper 1 Section C Comparing Texts – subsections for Pre 1900 Poetry and The Great Gatsby
  5. Paper 2 Section A Feminine Gospels
  6. Paper 2 Section B Contextual Linking: Unseen prose
  7. Paper 2 Section B Contextual Linking – subsections for All My Sons and Spies
  8. NEA
- Additionally, you should make the most of your long summer and enjoy reading whatever takes your fancy. Reading widely is the best preparation for studying literature. The images above are books that I love; they aren't on the course, but they are great novels to enjoy.