

# A Level Literature Pre- course Summer Tasks

## Reading Tasks

### Task 1

Read at least three texts from the reading list.

- They should be texts that you have not read before (watching the film or TV series doesn't count!)
- One of the texts you read needs to be from the dystopia reading list and at least one text should be pre-1900.

## Writing tasks

### Task 1

Write an essay discussing how a key character or theme is presented in one of the texts you have read from the reading list (approx. 700 words)

### Task 2

Write a critical appreciation\* of a book that you have read for pleasure (it doesn't have to be on the reading list). Explore why you like it and what its most engaging features are (approx. 500 words)

\*Please word process your work if possible.

Please Note:

- **All reading and tasks must be completed and work should be handed in at your first lesson. Make close reference to the text.**
- **Non-completion of this task will mean you are unable to start the course in September.**
- **This needs to be your own work and must contain your own ideas. Copy and pasting ideas from essays on the internet is not acceptable. Research is fine but not necessary; if done it should support your own thinking, not replace it.**
- **Please provide a list of any secondary sources used (anything other than the text), for example websites or study guides.**

***Plagiarism will be taken very seriously and may affect your place on the course.***

\*Critical appreciation is a piece of writing in which a reader examines and evaluates a piece of literature from a discerning point of view. In other words, the reader knows the work well enough to have an intelligent basis for liking or disliking something.