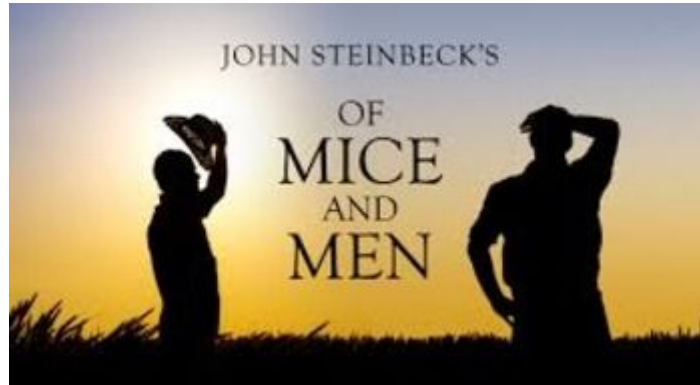


English

Of Mice and Men



What will students study?

While John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is no longer on the GCSE specification, this well-regarded text is still valuable and engaging for younger secondary students, as it covers universal themes of fate, loneliness and dreaming of a better future. The unit of work has a range of reading, writing and speaking and listening activities and there is considerable opportunity for students to undertake individual, pair and group work. The variety of tasks and activities ensures that students develop creative opportunities and approaches in their study of the text, aiding perception of the author's intentions, as well as a thorough analysis of the context, themes, characters and literary techniques.

What will homework be?

Homework will be set every week by the class teacher. To consolidate learning at home, students will be asked to complete mini essays answering GCSE style questions. These will either be set questions by the teacher or scaffolded worksheets with tasks, which students will be asked to write in their planners. Students will be expected to write between a page and a few paragraphs, following a success criteria to scaffold their writing.

How you can help?

To support your child with learning at home, you can use the following the websites to understand the social and historical context of the novel. You can use the following websites to help develop their essay writing skills. After completing written tasks, parents can check their child's work by proofreading for spelling, punctuation and grammar errors. Parents can also ask their child to read their work out loud so careless grammar mistakes such as change in tense can be avoided. Parents can also time how long it takes for their child to complete a question and see if it matches the exam board's guidelines (teachers will hand out time management sheets for each questions for support at the beginning of the unit).

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Poetry: Love & Relationships (AQA Legacy)



What will students study?

Students will study a cluster of poems taken from the legacy AQA poetry anthology, *Moon on the Tide*. The poems, all written in a range of style and forms, are thematically linked and were written between 19th century to present day. By the end of the unit, students will be more confident in applying key terms and comparing poems, as well as having a better understanding of a number of literary devices used to convey meaning.

What will homework be?

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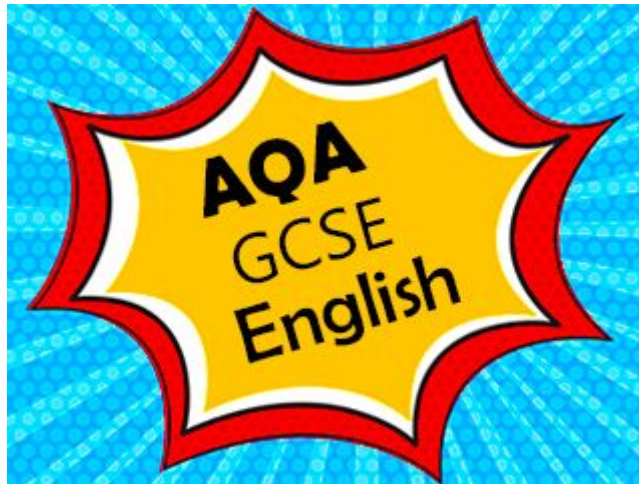
Moon on the Tides: The Aqa Gcse Poetry Anthology - a Guide for Students:

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Spelling, punctuation and grammar study and Practise book:

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Explorations in Creative Reading



What will students study?

The aim of this paper is to engage students in a fictional text to consider how established writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to capture the interest of readers. The source for the reading questions will be a literature fiction text. It will be drawn from either the 20th or 21st century. Its genre will be prose fiction and will include extracts from novels and short stories and focus on openings, endings, narrative perspectives and points of view, narrative or descriptive passages, character, atmospheric descriptions and other appropriate narrative and descriptive approaches.

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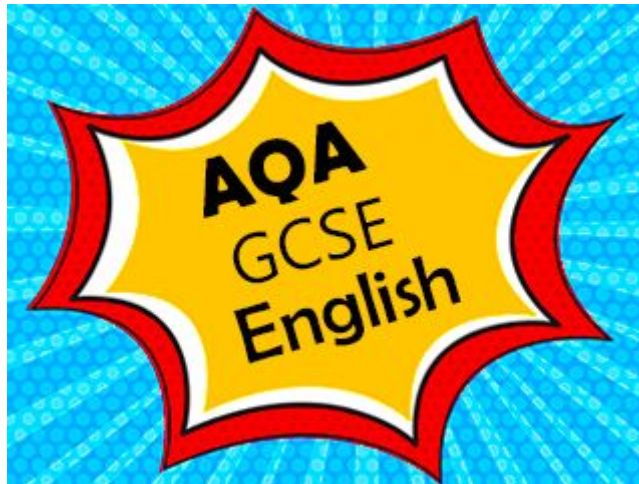
AQA GCSE English Language Workbook

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Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) English Language Model Answer Workbook

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Writer's Viewpoint & Perspectives



What will students study?

Students will study an array of non fiction texts pertaining to topics that affect them. They will use their knowledge of reading strategies to gain an understanding of difficult types of texts such as newspaper articles in which writers express their points of view. After analysing texts, students will learn how to write in the same style and form as what they have read. Students will be taught how to use vocabulary and ideas from section A of the paper in their own writing as sections are linked thematically.

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The Crucible by Arthur Miller (The Play)



What will students study?

This unit has been designed to develop students' reading, writing, thinking, and language skills through exercises and activities related to *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. Many themes are universal and inform both plot and characters. Students will study the following themes: religion, truth and 'sex, sin and the Devil', which are at the heart of this play. The study of characters is integral, while text study around themes should help learners to place characters, plot and devices into their appropriate social, historical and cultural contexts. Students will analyse language from short extracts from the play to understand author's craft of character and plot.

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New Grade 9-1 GCSE Drama Play Guide - The Crucible

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