

## Year 11 going into Y12 A Level Literature

As a Literature student, you are also expected to do a significant amount of independent WIDER reading to give you a broader perspective for your course.

Here's a list to get you started, and that also might prove useful for your future coursework:

### **Novels you might want to read that could potentially be used for A Level coursework:**

#### **Dystopian Societies:**

*A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

*Nineteen-Eighty Four* by George Orwell

#### **Disturbed Minds:**

*A Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

*American Psycho* by Bret Easton Ellis

*Engleby* by Sebastian Faulks

*Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S Thompson

*Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk

*L'Etranger* [The Outsider] by A Camus

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey

*The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J D Salinger

#### **Gothic Terror:**

*Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by R L Stevenson

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*The Double* by Dostoevsky

*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

### **Equality/Race**

*Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

*I know why the caged bird sings* by Maya Angelou

*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

### **Societal Convention and Expectations**

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

*Oranges are not the Only Fruit* – Jeanette Winterson

### **Suggested Poetry Texts**

*The Whitsun Weddings* by Philip Larkin [excluding Sunny Prestatyn]

*The World's Wife* by Carol Ann Duffy [excluding **Mrs Sisyphus**]

John Cooper Clarke (*Snap, Crackle and Bob, Ten Years in an Open Necked Shirt*)

Benjamin Zephaniah – any poetry

Sylvia Plath *Ariel*

## **Online Study Guides**

- No Fear, Shakespeare
- York Notes (paid content)
- Spark Notes
- Lit Charts
- Massolit (great mini lectures on Lit texts)
- MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses – loads of subjects / texts)
- Shmoop (a bit Americanised, but can be useful)
- Quizlet