In order to fully prepare you for A level English Literature, please complete the following tasks. We will be collecting evidence of this in the first weeks back, testing your understanding and knowledge

1. Buy a copy of your set texts (these should be available form Amazon, local book shops and/or charity shops) and read them, once for pleasure!

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Othello by William Shakespeare

2. Read *The Great Gatsby*, making notes as you go along on the following topics

- What kinds of love do you see in the novel?

- What are the central relationships in the novel? What do you think about the characters?

3. Complete the following tasks and MASSOLIT lectures

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| **Lesson** | **Work Set** | **Student Tasks** |
| 1 | Love Through the Ages (Paper 1)   1. The Beginnings of Love: Religious Love   <https://www.massolit.io/courses/love-through-the-ages/the-beginnings-of-love-religious-love>   1. The English Renaissance: Wyatt and Sidney   <https://www.massolit.io/courses/love-through-the-ages/the-english-renaissance-sir-thomas-wyatt-and-edmund-spenser> | Watch the two courses and make notes, paying attention |
| 2 | Love Through the Ages (Paper 1)   1. Shakespeare’s key themes   <https://www.massolit.io/courses/love-through-the-ages/shakespeare-key-themes-and-ideas> | Watch the two courses and make notes  Analytical task/worksheet on Sonnet 130, with Petrarch critical context |
| 3 | Love Through the Ages (Paper 1)   1. The metaphysical poets   <https://www.massolit.io/courses/love-through-the-ages/the-metaphysical-poets>   1. The Restoration Poets   <https://www.massolit.io/courses/love-through-the-ages/the-restoration-and-the-18th-century-the-earl-of-rochester-aphra-behn-and-robert-burns> | Watch the two courses and make notes |
| 5 | 1. Tragedy: A Complete history   As an extension, watch and make notes on all of this MASSOLIT course, but as a minimum, please watch numbers 6, 7 and 8 on Renaissance Tragedy  <https://www.massolit.io/courses/tragedy-a-complete-history> | Watch the course and make notes, considering what you already know about tragedy in Macbeth |