



English

Year: 8

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one."

George R. R. Martin

Course content

Year 8 will encourage pupils' love of reading as they are exposed to a wide range of literary texts and extracts. These extracts are categorised by the timeless themes which are prolific in literature both old and new, such as love, nature, power and conflict. Pupils are assessed on simplified GCSE English criteria in order to embed the GCSE skills from an early age.

Skills developed

- Language analysis
- Structural analysis
- Understanding a writer's viewpoint and intentions
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Selecting relevant information
- Forming personal and critical opinions on texts
- Writing to describe
- Comparing and contrasting texts

Topics covered

- Nature in literature
- Monsters throughout literature
- Power and conflict in literature
- Love and relationships in literature
- Sport in literature
- Novel—a study of 'Of Mice and Men'.

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