

SUMMER TASK

ENGLISH LITERATURE



In preparation for year one, you have some work to do over the summer.

TASK

Over the summer, students should complete a research task in which they look up some context surrounding Shakespeare and Tennessee Williams.

They should present this in the form of a detailed mindmap poster to show what they have found.

They should research the following areas:

- B = Biographical contexts of the writer. Who were / are they?
- Li = Literary contexts of the writer. What have they written? Is their work part of a particular literary style / form / movement? Who were they inspired by?
- S = Social contexts of the writer. What was happening in society at the time that the text was written?
- H = Historical contexts of the text / writer. What happened just before the text was written, perhaps as the writer was growing up? What happened after the text was written that may make the text prophetic / ahead of its time.

Students should also use the internet to look up the basic overview of the plot of Othello, and sum this up in the form of a timeline of events written in their own words.

Summer work should be given to the subject teacher in September.