

How to Revise a Literary Text

Text

- Do you know the **text** you are studying? The exam will have questions on lots of different texts, but you only answer **one** for each text you have studied.

Plot

- Do you know the **story**? The **order of events**, who does what, what happens in **key scenes**, and what the key scenes are? Do you understand how the plot links to the **context** in which it was written?

Purpose

- Do you know what the **writer** was hoping to **achieve** by writing the text? What are the **key messages** that the audience are supposed to learn? Do you know the **context** of the text, and the reasons why the writer may have wanted to send that message?

Characters

- Do you know what the characters **say and do**? Do you know about their **relationships** with other characters? Do you understand their **role in the text**, i.e. what message their **character has been constructed** to make to the audience? Do you know **key quotations** from/about them, and what they say about the character? Do you understand how the characters links to the **context** in which it is set?

Themes

- Do you understand the **themes** that are explored in the text? Do you understand how the **characters and plot** are used to explore those themes? Do you know **key quotations** that link to the themes? Do you understand how those themes link to the **overall purpose** that the writer had?

Perceptive angles

- Have you **researched or considered alternative interpretations** of the text? Do you know how **different audiences** might **interpret** the text differently? Do you have your **own interpretation** of the author's purpose that you feel you could explore

Actions

- Make flashcards
- Make quizzes
- Create revision guides/knowledge organisers
- Answer practice papers/plan answers
- Answer questions from revision guides.