

Literature topics for revision

Of Mice and Men

Make sure that you are familiar with the following areas:

Plot – know the order of key events in the story and how events are linked.



Characters – who are the key characters in the story? How are they described? Be able to comment on their relationships with other characters.



Themes – how does Steinbeck present; loneliness and isolation, dreams and the American Dream), anger and violence, prejudice, power, friendship in the novel?

Quotes – try to memorise at least 5 key quotes (or know where to find them in the novel!)

Context – what is shown about life in 1930's America in the novel?



Poetry

You need to be able to compare poems by **Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage and pre1914 poems**. Make sure that you can comment on the following areas:

Structure – how are the stanzas arranged? How is rhythm and rhyme used for effect? Is the structure consistent throughout or does it change?

Theme – what is the poet trying to say in the poem? What ideas run throughout it?

Imagery – how have words been used to create images? How are the five senses used in the poems?

Language – how are poetic devices used to create effect? Identify techniques like; alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile and comment on their effect.

Tone – is the speaker in the poem happy? Angry? Sad?

You need to be able to comment on similarities and differences between the poems using PEE (Point, Evidence, Explanation)