

# Bridging work for A level English Language and Literature

Welcome to the bridging tasks for English Language and Literature!

## Tasks:

Reading tasks - get hold of copies of the set texts and read them over the summer. See below for details about editions.

Writing tasks - choose two of the tasks in this folder (there are four tasks on separate documents) to complete. The varied activities should give you a sense of the wide ranging nature of the course and the different skills it covers. Some will be familiar to you (creative writing, analysing extracts from novels and exploring the social and historical context needed to understand them) and some less so, such as analysing spoken language.

## Year 12 set texts

***Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens**

***The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald**

You will need to buy your own copies to read over the summer and to use in lessons. The exam board approved editions that you will use in the exam itself (it's open book, not like GCSE) are the best ones to buy so that you are familiar with the layout etc. The covers look like the pictures here and the details are below.

**Great Expectations:** ISBN 978-0099511571 Published by Vintage. Amazon link:  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Expectations-Vintage-Classics-Charles-Dickens/dp/0099511576/ref=sr\\_1\\_2\\_sspa?crd=PNS9Z91V8Z6V&dchild=1&keywords=great+expectations+vintage+classics&qid=1623933512&srefix=great+expectations+vin%2Caps%2C160&sr=8-2-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEXRINPWTIETk5ETIE5JmVuY3J5cHRIZEIkPUeWMDY5NjUwMVFRQ1o0UUNTWkFLTyZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZEIkPUeWZ3M0M0NMUkoyUEVSM0tEVyZ3aWRnZXROYW11PjNwX2F0ZiZ3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU=](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Expectations-Vintage-Classics-Charles-Dickens/dp/0099511576/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?crd=PNS9Z91V8Z6V&dchild=1&keywords=great+expectations+vintage+classics&qid=1623933512&srefix=great+expectations+vin%2Caps%2C160&sr=8-2-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEXRINPWTIETk5ETIE5JmVuY3J5cHRIZEIkPUeWMDY5NjUwMVFRQ1o0UUNTWkFLTyZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZEIkPUeWZ3M0M0NMUkoyUEVSM0tEVyZ3aWRnZXROYW11PjNwX2F0ZiZ3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU=)

**The Great Gatsby:** 978-0141182636 published by Penguin.

Amazon link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Great-Gatsby-Penguin-Modern-Classics/dp/0141182636/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?dchild=1&keywords=the+great+gatsby&qid=1623933242&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Great-Gatsby-Penguin-Modern-Classics/dp/0141182636/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=the+great+gatsby&qid=1623933242&sr=8-3)

However, if you can't get hold of these editions, any editions will do. Any copy has the same text – it's just the page numbers that will be different.

You might also find it helpful to watch film or TV adaptation of the novels – there are several good versions, although all of them miss out sections of the text and make some changes.

