

A Level Bridging Work 2020-2021

A-Level English Language and Literature

The tasks in this pack are designed to support you as you prepare to start

A-Level *English Language and Literature*.

These tasks have been developed to build on your GCSE knowledge and help with the transition into sixth form, using your time wisely over the coming months to ensure you maintain a level of education that will be needed to be successful in your subject when you enroll into the sixth form in August/September.

PiXL English have produced a fantastic booklet with a wide range of activities exploring Language and Literature. To make the most of this resource, you should work through the booklet and complete the following activities, and as many more challenges as you like:

Section 1: Complete **Activity 1**, and one or more other activities from this section

ACTIVITY 1

Read, '*The Yellow Wallpaper*' by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, it can be found here: <http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Books/documents/2009/01/09/TheYellowWallpaper.pdf>

Identify ten points in the short story where we are encouraged to feel sympathy for the narrator (AO1). Then, try and write 300 words of John's account, considering his viewpoint and attitude towards his wife (AO5).

Section 2: Complete **Activity 5**, and one or more other activities from this section

ACTIVITY 5

Choose a short story from this site: <https://www.reddit.com/r/shortstories> and print it out and annotate choices the writer has made to engage the reader and create meaning (AO1 & AO2). Now, write the opening to your own short story using the transcript you chose in the previous task as inspiration (AO5). If you are interested in writing short stories, you could always consider entering a competition. For more information, visit <https://www.bristolprize.co.uk/>

Bring your response to class in September

Section 3: Complete **all** the activities to build your technical knowledge and skills

Section 4: Try the Handmaid's Tale challenge, based on the opening scenes of the novel

Section 5: Optional extension activities and challenges to expand your knowledge and skills