

# How do I revise for English?

## GCSE English Literature – the Plays

### Re-reading the set texts

- Re-read the text 20mins every night before you go to bed.
- Listen to an audiobook version of 'An Inspector Calls' on your phone as you read: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgkfEc\\_EWro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgkfEc_EWro)

### Movie night! Watch a performance:

#### 'An Inspector Calls'

- BBC version of 'An Inspector Calls': <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p02z80kg/an-inspector-calls>
- Another version of AIC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXT0FgfrQWM>

#### 'Romeo and Juliet'

- Free online version: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juSn\\_IAnwNc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juSn_IAnwNc)
- Rent Baz Luhrmann's 'Romeo and Juliet' for £3.49 on Amazon here: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/William-Shakespeares-Romeo-Juliet-Sorvino/dp/B00HFDLM6G/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2KKUQ800QN5TS&keywords=Romeo+and+juliet+film&qid=1642481068&srefix=romeo+and+juliet+film%2Caps%2C437&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/William-Shakespeares-Romeo-Juliet-Sorvino/dp/B00HFDLM6G/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2KKUQ800QN5TS&keywords=Romeo+and+juliet+film&qid=1642481068&srefix=romeo+and+juliet+film%2Caps%2C437&sr=8-1) You can even have a 'Watch Party' on Amazon where you can comment and chat with your friends. **You will need to ask your parents'/billpayer's permission!**
- There are also other versions on Amazon to rent.
- Baz Luhrmann's 'Romeo and Juliet' is also available on Sky

### Watch online plot summaries:

#### 'An Inspector Calls'

- Animated summary:
  - Act 1 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCFf\\_T7sNWM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCFf_T7sNWM)
  - Act 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPRL4qT4mVs>
  - Act 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0bbXX-IX7I>
- Guided explanation of the plot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mvmb9JADNxo>
- BBC Teach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJKRumxgj-Y>

#### 'Romeo and Juliet'

- SparkNotes cartoon summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRrvQ1vZxcg>
- 8-Minute Revise and Recall summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj0LpiU-dVQ>
- BBC Teach summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0wqNS53lnE>
- Animated summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-coBcEJJijl>

### Create a plot summary as you watch/read:

- Bullet-point **list of key events** in order
- Make it more visual! Create a **flow chart** or **comic strip** plot summary

## Test yourself

- Create a **'Fill-in-the-gap'** activity by copying and pasting the plot summary from an online study guide (see below) and removing key words.

'Romeo and Juliet':

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/summary/>
- <https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/shakespedia/shakespeares-plays/romeo-and-juliet/>

'An Inspector Calls'

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/drama/an-inspector-calls/summary/>
- <https://www.oxnotes.com/an-inspector-calls-plot-summary-synopsis-gcse-english-literature.html>

- Make a **crossword**: <https://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/criss-cross>
- Use online quizzing sites like **quizlet**

## Revision Cards

Use the following study websites and video tutorials to create A5 revision cards on each of the plays:

'An Inspector Calls'

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/drama/an-inspector-calls/>
- Mr Bruff AIC video playlist:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtqICljZtcY&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cDvuiSH8SycEDh1Ugke9tmb>
- Useful PDF study guide: <https://www.stokenewingtonschool.co.uk/asset/1810>

'Romeo and Juliet'

- SparkNotes: <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/>
- BBC Bitesize for grades 3-4: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zykncwx>
- Mr Bruff 'Romeo and Juliet' video playlist:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSE04T8fcts&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cB7YAoARj6iAFCglAfy9aN2>

You should have at least one card on each of the following: **CONTEXT, THEMES and CHARACTER**, as well as **KEY QUOTATIONS**.

See the example **CHARACTER REVISION CARD** on Teams.

## Essay Planning Practice

Use the **practice essay questions in your blue R&J and AIC booklets** to create detailed plans which you can turn into essays. You can then ask your teacher to mark these practices.

Past examination questions can be found on the AQA website here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>

OR, search the AQA past papers facility:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

## Timed Planning and Essay Writing

Now use the advice about timings your English teacher has given you to plan and write essays under timed conditions.

## GCSE English Literature – the Anthology Poems

### Revise WHAT HAPPENS in each poem

- Re-read each poem several time aloud.
- Listen/watch readings online (YouTube search for name of poem).
- Create a diagram, collage or comic strip of the events and ideas in each poem.

### Revise the Poet's use of Language, Structure and Form

- Watch YouTube tutorials on each poem and make notes on the *blank* poem in your blue poetry booklet

### Poetry Revision Cards

- Use the PPT model in Teams to help create PPT resources on each poem.
- *The following revision site contains PDFs on each of the poems:*  
<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/love-and-relationships/>

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