

Summer Assignment : English Year 12

Context – link to Yr 12 work:	This task is preparation for your first term work on Frankenstein and Streetcar Named Desire.
Task:	<p>A. <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams</p> <p>You will need to create an 8 minute presentation on the context of the play 'A Streetcar Named Desire'.</p> <p><u>Task 1:</u> Contextual research for Streetcar Named Desire</p> <p>Before you read the play you must find out about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tennessee Williams: 10 interesting points about his life that might apply to the play- Louisiana and New Orleans: where is it? What is interesting about the place? What interesting facts can you find out about its history. You should have at least 20 interesting ideas.- The Southern Gentleman and the Southern Belle. What are these and what characterises them? What are southern manners.- What is 'Elysian Fields'?- What is a 'Tragedy'?- What can you find out about the play before you read it? <p><u>Task 2</u></p> <p>You will now need to read the play.</p> <p>For your presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summarise the context- Summarise the play- Explain how the context connects to the play. <p>B. <i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley</p> <p>Each bullet point should be at least a paragraph long. Do not copy and paste off the Internet – you should be summarising your research.</p> <p>Research the following:</p>

	<p><i>CONTEXT A – In word document form with headings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Who were Agrippa and Magnus?</i> • <i>What was the Enlightenment?</i> • <i>What was happening in art in the 18th and 19th Centuries?</i> • <i>What technological advances had been made before the 18th century?</i> • <i>What was happening in medicine in the 18th and 19th centuries?</i> • <i>What were gravediggers?</i> <p><i>CONTEXT B – In word document form with headings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the gothic genre and what are its characteristics?</i> • <i>Who was Horace Walpole?</i> • <i>What is romantic literature?</i> • <i>Who was Percy Bryce Shelley?</i> • <i>Who was William Wordsworth?</i>
<p>Resources required:</p>	<p>Most of this research should be done on the Internet or at a library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>A copy of the play and the novel. These can be found with me or at a library.</i>
<p>Expectation for completed work (e.g word count, note format, reading record etc.)</p>	<p><i>Notes on each topic should be two A4 sides and should use clear subheadings.</i></p> <p><i>The best notes will use quotations from the texts, double underlined for emphasis.</i></p> <p><i>All reading should be annotated to show reading.</i></p>

Summer Reading List Yr 12-13 Reading List – (insert subject)

Book	Chapter or extract	Questions to guide reading (to be completed as notes)
<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Chapter 1</i>	<i>How does Dickens describe London?</i>
