

THE LEARNING JOURNEY FOR ENGLISH

Year 9

Unit / Block of work	Key Episodes / Questions	Additional Detail	Length of time.	Learner Attribute(s)
Animal Farm or War Horse	How do writer's use language to communicate their opinions on society?	Context of the Russian revolution OR World War One Reading, study and understanding of novel. Analysis of key episodes, characters, themes. Critical response to use of language and authors' message. Literature GCSE style questions. Assessment: How do writers communicate their ideas about society in the text?	10 weeks	Knowledgeable Inquirer Caring
Controversial Issues/Argument writing	Is there only one morally right side to an argument?	Understanding of the term 'controversial'. Discussion of what constitutes a controversial issue. Issues studied include: Child beauty pageants and exploitation; Equality of wages (footballer vs nurse, soldier), cosmetic surgery; Capital punishment. Questions of morality. Discursive/argument writing techniques, academic expression. Assessment: Discursive writing on a controversial topic.	7 weeks	Open-minded Balanced Principled
Imaginative writing: Gothic Literature	How do writers use language to manipulate the emotions of the reader?	Gothic Literature conventions. Aspects of descriptive writing and writing to create tension: Sensory language, figurative language, pathetic fallacy, use of sentence structure and punctuation, show don't tell. Examples from Gothic Literature genre: Frankenstein, Woman in Black, The Red Room. Assessment: Gothic Literature description of setting	8 weeks	Communicator Thinker
Power and Conflict Poetry and Short Stories	How is the does power and conflict impact the world in which we live?	Understanding the theme Power and Conflict. Understand the types of poetry. Understanding short stories and their conventions. Poetic, linguistic and structural features used within the text types. Examples of poems and short stories within the theme of Power and Conflict Assessment: How does the writer use language and structure to explore power and conflict within a text you have studied.	12 weeks	Reflective Risk Taker