



The John Roan School Sixth Form

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Year 11 Bridging Work for English Literature: Poetry & Shakespeare (A Level)



Complete Writing poetry

Read the guide on how to write your own poetry. Create at least two poems in two different forms (ex. Blank verse and free verse).

Link: [How To Write Poetry](#)

Time: 3 hours



Read Political Poetry

Read the essay on the political themes and influences in the poetry by Patience Agbabi.

Link: [Political Themes & Influences](#)

Time: 40 minutes



Listen Poetry for the ear

Listen to at least 20 poems by at least 5 authors. Which one did you like the best? Which emotions did the poems create? Is it different to listen to poetry instead of reading it?

Links: [Explore Poems](#)

Time: 30 minutes



Watch Medea Play

Watch the Warwick Classics Society Production of Medea 2018, performed as part of the Warwick Ancient Drama Festival.

Terrible things breed in broken hearts. Medea is a wife and a mother, stricken with grief. For the sake of her husband, Jason, she's left her home and borne two sons in exile. Consider the similarities you can see between Medea and Lady Macbeth.

Link: [Medea Play](#)

Time: Each of their videos is 10 – 15 minutes in length



Listen Shakespeare Sessions

Your one-stop shop for all things Shakespeare. Catch A-List casts in brand new versions of Shakespeare's greatest plays, plus documentaries from the brightest minds.

Links: [Shakespeare Sessions](#)

Time: 2 minutes to 2 hours

Note: You will need to create your own free account with the BBC to listen



Read The power of context

Read Shakespeare's sonnet 18. Then read an analysis of the background to the sonnet. Does the context change your original thoughts on the poem?

Link 1: [Sonnet 18](#)

Link 2: [Sonnet 18 Guide](#)

Time: 25 minutes



Watch Shakespeare Uncovered

Hamlet is a play full of questions rather than answers - but they are the questions we all continue to ask ourselves to this day. Questions about who to believe, who to trust, how to live and how to love, how to understand life and how to face death.

Link: [BBC4](#)

Time: 50 minutes