



LITERATURE PAPER ONE

Pupil Cheat Sheet

Timing

This exam is 90 minutes. You will have two questions (one about Macbeth and one about Jekyll and Hyde). So, you'll have 45 minutes on each question.

Your 45 minutes should be broken down in the following way:

- 5 minutes: read the question, identify the key word on context and then skim read the extract to see the precise theme (e.g. power through violence). Write a brief introduction where you explain how the key theme is explored in the text as whole
- 5 minutes: plan essay – choose a scene from beginning, middle and end (one of these will be the extract) and should allow a change / difference to be written about
- 30 minute: write essay
- 5 minute SPAG check

5 Step Essay Structure

1. **Introduction**: define the key word in the question (= thematic context)
2. Write about a **scene from the start** of the text – use phrases like initially, at the start etc. to show that they are acknowledging the whole text
3. Write about a **scene from the middle** of the text – use time / sequencing connectives to show that they know the order of the text's main events
4. Write about a **scene from the end** – use phrases such as finally etc.
5. **Conclusion**: what is the writer and reader's opinion on this theme / the question statement

You should:

- ✓ Show that you know the whole text – discuss opening, turning points, resolutions etc.
- ✓ Show that you know the text's genre
- ✓ Write about the importance of setting if possible (e.g. the locations associated with Hyde as opposed to Jekyll)
- ✓ Offer a personal response – what do you believe and why
- ✓ Write about the historical context (only if it related to you question though, AQA don't want a history essay!).

Top Paragraph Checklist:

- Name the Writer
- Idea using key word from question
- Short quote
- Inference
- Say 'deliberately'
- Name technique
- Comment on the impact (so / which / because)
- Refer back to the question (context)

How to revise:

- Make sure that you have reread Macbeth and Jekyll and Hyde.
- Make spider diagrams for each character, theme and historical context.
- Download the Pixl Lit app to help you learn key quotations.
- Create cue cards for key quotes and facts so that your friends/families can test you.
- Make up your own essay questions and plan/answer them.