



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Sixth Form

Year 11 Into Year 12 Transition Task

Subject: English Literature (EDUQAS)

SMRT Sixth Form takes students from a wide range of schools who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses. We want to ensure that everybody is equally able to access the content of the A Level and so the following tasks give you a chance to ensure you are fully prepared.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to purchase 3 texts for September:

*Duchess of Malfi - Webster – Methuen New Mermaids Edition (ed. Britland) **

Meantime - Carol Anne Duffy – Picador

Things Fall Apart - Achebe – Penguin Modern Classics

*The edition is important

Second hand copies are fine but please note the publisher.

To ensure you are ready to fully access the A Level Syllabus you should attempt these tasks:

Section A - Essential

Students are to read Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*.

Section B – Desirable

Read one or more of the following books, which may be used for coursework later in the course to go with *Things Fall Apart*:

Small Island - Andre Levy

Americanah - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Purple Hibiscus - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Silence of the Girls - Pat Barker

This Other Eden - Paul Harding

These can be purchased cheaply second-hand, if required.

Please see below for other set texts that need to be purchased later in the year.

Students should prepare a short piece of writing about their chosen text covering the bullet points below.

- The narrative and characters
- Any interesting points about the authors' craft
- The themes of the text
- The views of other critics from a review or publication.

Section C – Challenge

Students should read a review of this book from one of the national newspapers, like The Guardian for example.

As the course progresses in Year 12, you will also study:

Duchess of Malfi - Webster (*New Mermaids Methuen Drama*)

Mean Time - Duffy (*Picador*)

A Streetcar Named Desire - Williams (*Penguin Modern Classics*)

Larkin - Whitsun Weddings (*Faber*)

We ask you to purchase your own set texts.

If you are having financial problems, please email eveb@smrt.bristol.sch.uk in confidence.