

St Mary Redcliffe and Temple 6th Form



Year 11 into 12 transition task

Subject: English Literature – EDUQAS exam board

SMRT 6th 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 2 texts for lessons in September:

Duchess of Malfi
Meantime

*Webster – Methuen New Mermaids Edition (ed. Britland)**
Carol Anne Duffy – Picador

*The edition is important.

Second hand copies are fine.

If you need financial assistance, please see end of the document.

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

Section A – Essential

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

<i>Small Island</i>	<i>Andre Levy</i>
<i>Americanah</i>	<i>Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</i>
<i>The Purple Hibiscus</i>	<i>Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</i>
<i>The Silence of the Girls</i>	<i>Pat Barker</i>
<i>This Other Eden</i>	<i>Paul Harding</i>

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

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 B - Desirable

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

Section C – Challenge

Students should read a review or critical essay of *Things Fall Apart* from one of the national newspapers or internet, like *The Guardian* for example. Make notes about the key points from the essay or review.

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

Duchess of Malfi	<i>Webster (New Mermaids Methuen Drama)</i>
Mean Time	<i>Duffy (Picador)</i>
A Streetcar Named Desire	<i>Williams (Penguin Modern Classics)</i>
Whitsun Weddings	<i>Larkin (Faber)</i>
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe

We ask you to purchase your own set texts through the year.

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