



ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

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WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE?

If you want to study a range of influential and thought-provoking world literature from a wide range of periods, genres, including literature not originally written in English, as well as a range of language texts spanning multiple genres, this is the course for you. You will foster a deeper appreciation of how writers from across the globe and across the centuries address recurring themes. The course offers an opportunity to read and critically evaluate a range of poetry, prose, and drama, in addition to a wide range of language texts.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

All pupils will learn about how literary works are written to express key ideas, sometimes of particular relevance to their specific context but also of a more existential relevance too. The way in which stylistic choices contribute to the communication of ideas is another key area of study. Standard Level pupils will study four literary works, whilst Higher Level pupils will study six literary works.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

At both higher and standard levels, pupils will sit one externally assessed examination paper containing an unseen analysis task of a language text. A second externally assessed examination paper requires pupils to select one question and consider different aspects of the writing or communicative process involved in literature. For the internal assessment, pupils must create and deliver a talk on how their choice of literary work and language text both present ideas on a chosen global issue. Finally, Higher Level pupils only must also write a 1500-word essay on their choice of question.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

Pupils will hone their reading skills, becoming adept at handling large amounts of text. Pupils will also be able to analyse writers' choices and how they help to construct texts and communicate ideas. When responding, pupils will be developing and evidencing their essay skills and the ability to construct, develop and evidence an argument successfully.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Pupils with English qualifications are valuable for their reading skills, analytical skills and written skills. They are emotionally intelligent individuals with the ability to handle large amounts of text and compare and contrast sources. Such skills are in demand in a wide range of careers.

