

SUPPORTING YOUR YOUNG PERSON IN ENGLISH

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N5 COURSE OUTLINE

Coursework

Folio 30% = 15 marks (doubled)

Exam

RUAE 30% = 30 marks – ‘Paper 1’ 1 hour

Critical Reading 40% - ‘Paper 2’ 1 hour and 30 minutes

= 20 marks Scottish Set Text

20 marks Critical Essay



PORTFOLIO

- Worth 30% of overall N5 course
- 1 essay required: broadly discursive or broadly creative
- Planning and writing of first draft must be completed under 'controlled conditions' per QS guidance.
- N5 'Folio Fortnight' – 7th -18th September
 - First draft submitted: Friday 18th September
- First drafts returned December. Second draft deadline will be mid February



PORTFOLIO

Creative

- Short story
- Chapter of a novel
- Personal/reflective

Should include:

- Characterisation
- Setting
- Allude to genre
- Mood/atmosphere
- Genuine reflection on the experience

Discursive

- Persuasive
- Argumentative
- In some cases, a report would be appropriate.

Should include:

- Research
- Data/statistics
- Clear arguments
- A bibliography



RUAE (READING FOR UNDERSTANDING, ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION.

Worth 30% of overall course award: 1 hour

A mixture of question types:

- Understanding (In Your Own Words/Summary)
- Analysis (Word Choice, Imagery, Structure analysis)
- Evaluation (reflecting of effectiveness of certain sections)

Always uses good quality non-fiction sources:

- News articles
- Opinion pieces
- Online commentaries



STUDYING FOR RUAE

- Familiarise yourself with different question types.
- Ensure your understanding of how to answer the range of different question types, your teacher should be supporting you with this and there will be supporting resources on your class Team.
- Look at past QS papers to practice RUAE questions.
- Use the Marking Instructions to check your answers and also see what the marker might be looking for.



STUDYING FOR RUAE

- Read widely: try to read a range of non-fiction sources regularly.
- Create a vocabulary bank in Notes on iPad or phone. Students can note down unfamiliar vocab and the definition.
- Some useful sources are:
 - The Guardian Comment is free section.
 - BBC News
 - The Day (QR Code attached)



CRITICAL READING

40% of overall course award: 1 hour and 30 minutes

- Scottish Set Text and Critical Essay combined in **one** paper, each component worth 20% each.
- Candidates should spend roughly 45 minutes on each component.
- SST or excerpt of SST provided in exam booklet, CE text NOT PROVIDED.
- Exam booklet has ALL available Scottish Set Texts; candidates must find the one they are working on.



CRITICAL READING

Scottish Set Text

- Series of questions on texts already studied in class.
- 6 poems OR 4 short stories OR 1 play/novel.
- An 8 mark comparative question at the end.

Critical Essay

- Written under exam conditions.
- No notes or copy of the text will be allowed in exam room.
- Broad questions centring around theme, experiences, character.
- Marker will be looking for extreme familiarity with the text and accurate spelling/structure/grammar.



CRITICAL READING

How to study for Critical Reading

- Frequently look over class notes to consolidate learning.
- Look at a range of past paper questions, particularly the 8 mark Scottish Set Text comparison question.
- Learn a range of 'multi-use' quotations for a range of Critical Essay questions.
- Mind-map Critical Essay responses.
- Utilise Teams notes and BBC Bitesize resources for revising Scottish Set Text.



SUPPORTED STUDY

After school – Tuesday: Mrs Ellis L118

Wednesday: Ms Glover L110

Saturday mornings – N5 subject availability and dates will be posted to year group Team.

Any questions please get in touch @

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SUPPORT TOOLS

[QS Website](#) – past papers, marking instructions, course guidance.

[QS Understanding Standards](#) – past student work assessed, graded and marker commentaries provided.

[BBC Bitesize](#) – guidance on all elements of the course, Scottish Set Text resources are particularly good!

[Spark Notes](#) - great guides on a variety of texts

Microsoft Teams – class materials, assignments and any assessment dates will be uploaded here.

