Bridging work for students of English Literature

Research projects

Complete the following preliminary research projects to prepare you for the texts that you will be studying when you begin the course in September.

1. Who is Arthur Miller? When was he writing, and what inspired his work? Why are his plays still studied today? Why was he such an important playwright?

2. Research aspects of tragedy and their origins. Produce a booklet of your research.

Reading

Purchase and read the following texts ahead of studying them next year:

- *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller*
- *Othello* by William Shakespeare

There are many free audio recordings of both of these plays available on Youtube, which would be useful to listen to as you are following the play. It may also help you to watch some good versions of the plays as well.

There is also a link in the Padlet below to some free audio books from Audible.

*There is a free online version of *Death of a Salesman* available on the Padlet below, but you will need to bring a hard copy to lessons with you in September

You may also like to think ahead about texts that you would like to write about in your coursework. You should read a wide range of novels and consider the ideas, themes and debates that arise from these works. If you would like some suggestions, please email Dr Coulbert at ecoulbert@keslichfield.org.uk

Wider reading

Please use the resources available on this Padlet to explore the subject and some of the texts in more detail.

Studying English Literature at A Level