

Year 9 English Semester 1: Short Stories

Knowledge:

- Understanding the form of the short story.
- Understanding the context of 'When the Wasps Drowned,' 'The Darkness Out There' and 'The Man with the Yellow Face.'
- Learning the characters, themes and key quotes from the short stories.

Skills:

- AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
- AO1: Select and synthesise evidence from different texts.
- AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views.
- AO3: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.
- AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively. Use paragraphs accurately and write for the correct audience and purpose.
- AO6: Use ambitious vocabulary when you write and a range of sentence structures. Use accurate spelling and punctuation.

Indicators of Expected Progress:

MEG 2:

- Writing is straightforward, sometimes showing an awareness of the purpose of the writing AO5
- Writing is occasionally focused with simple and sometimes clear communication to the reader AO5
- Writing is organised with occasional links between paragraphs AO5
- Some control over simple sentence structures AO6
- Uses simple punctuation marks, sometimes accurately AO6
- Use of familiar vocabulary AO6
- Spell familiar words with some accuracy AO6

MEG 5:

- Writing is coherent and mostly purposeful AO5
- Writing is mostly focused and communication with the reader is effective and clear to gain the reader's interest AO5
- Writing is well constructed, with effective paragraphing AO5
- Use a competent range of sentence types and structures, varying sentences for meaning AO6
- Use of a range of punctuation marks to create an effect on the reader with some errors with more complex punctuation AO6
- Use ambitious vocabulary to create an effect on the reader and use a good selection of words and linguistic devices AO6
- Spell all familiar and most complex words accurately, with some occasional errors AO6

MEG 8:

- Writing is ambitious and accomplished AO5
- Writing is sharply focused and the reader is communicated to with impact and influence AO5
- Writing is precisely constructed and organised, with highly effective links between paragraphs AO5
- Use a complex range of sentence types and structures, varying sentences precisely for both cohesion, meaning and effect AO6
- Correctly and precisely use the full range of punctuation marks to create the intended effect on the reader AO6
- Choose vocabulary deliberately and precisely to create an effect on the reader and use an extensive selection of words and successful use to linguistic devices AO6
- Spell an extensive range of words accurately and consistently throughout the writing, including irregular and unfamiliar words AO6