

Bolingbroke Sixth Form - English Department

English Literature

Y12 Summer Bridging Project



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Student name:

Over the holidays, it is essential that you are preparing yourself for year 12 study. Expect the work to be much broader and more challenging than GCSE. It is critical that you prepare yourself for September's programme over the summer holidays. Enjoy the reading and the independent nature of the course – this is a really exciting year!

Over the summer you are expected to:

- ✓ Read Act I of *Othello* and all *The Handmaid's Tale*
- ✓ Research the context surrounding **The Handmaid's Tale** (see suggested elements below for what to include.)
- ✓ Complete the comprehension tasks for both texts using the resources emailed to you.

Text Editions:

Othello – Wordsworth Classics: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Othello-Wordsworth-Classics>

The Handmaid's Tale – Vintage Classics <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Handmaids-Tale-Vintage-Classics>

In your research, you might like to include up to 3 of the following:

→ **Culture** → **Politics/War** → **Class/Economy** → **The Authors** → **Literary influences** → **Gender** → **Setting** → **Genre**

Anything else you feel is relevant/interesting.

***** You will be formally assessed on your textual and contextual knowledge of both texts through a quiz in the first week back and this will be the basis of your first assessment record.*****

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