

“This year, make sure you make the most of all the resources that are available to you when you’re teaching our AS and A-level English Literature B specifications.

Available to access all year round, these resources have been developed in collaboration with subject experts to ensure that you’re comfortable and confident with the assessment criteria and objectives.

Designed for planning, teaching and assessment, they will help you to focus on the key topics and components of our specifications, provide real ideas to use in the classroom and help you to spark your students’ imaginations.

Welcome to a year of new possibilities.”

Gary Pollard,
Head of English



Online inspiration

All of the resources mapped to our specifications for AS and A-level English Literature B can be found here:

aqa.org.uk/7717

Once you’re on the AQA English site, simply select the qualification you are teaching this year and then the resources you’d like to access. You can choose from three options:

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Prepare for your teaching year. Information, support and services to help you deliver the specification.	Teaching resources that you can use to plan your lessons and support your students’ learning.	Prepare your students for assessment. Specimen and past papers, mark schemes, example answers.

Over the following pages, you can explore how our online resources can help you plan your lessons and spark your students’ imaginations this year.

In some cases some of our resources may be located on our Secure Key Materials site, which requires a login. This normally includes sample test papers and mark schemes, and ensures that this information can only be accessed by teachers, not students. aqa.org.uk/e-AQA



Plan

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Our *Preparing to teach* event materials

This year we have offered free events to prepare teachers for first teaching. If you didn't get a chance to attend or if you'd like to look back at the content, you can view the presentation slides and our handouts online. These cover the key aspects of the specification, sample questions and student responses, mark schemes, approaches to assessment and activities to get you thinking.

A-level English webinars

Our series of webinars are designed to cover specific topics affecting AS and A-level and are provided by our subject experts. You can listen and view previous presentations that introduced our new AS and A-level qualifications, as well as how they can be co-taught, online today.

Sign-up to receive updates to join future webinars.

Regional hub school meetings

To support you through your first year of teaching our new specifications, we have recruited a team of advocates to run regular networking events across the country.

The aims are to encourage teachers to support each other through change, to facilitate the sharing of best practice and to promote good teaching and learning.

Book your place at
aqa.org.uk/Englishhub-schools

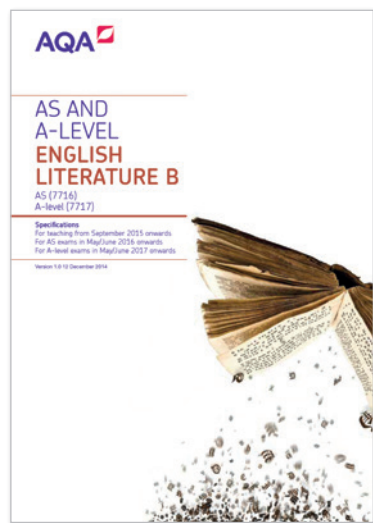
Guidance on co-teaching

This guidance covers the weighting of assessment objectives and the topics that can be co-taught at AS and A-level. It also includes commentary from our experts and suggestions on the split of content between year 1 and 2.

Specification comparison and launch webcast

Our specification comparison is a useful guide that highlights our AQA approach, our vision for English and our comments on the assessment structure.

You can also view the information we provided to teachers when we launched our new specifications, which is a good introduction to what you need to know.



Teach

Teaching resources that you can use
to plan your lessons and support your
students' learning.

Resource packages

We've created a package of resources for every section of each paper, covering each topic:

- Aspects of tragedy
- Aspects of comedy
- Elements of crime writing
- Elements of political and social protest writing.

They include specimen question commentaries, exemplar student responses, marking commentaries and guidance on how to create your own practice exam questions.

They will enable you to focus your teaching on those aspects and to work towards the relevant exam question in the specimen assessment materials. The exemplar student responses with marking commentary also give you an illustration of how the mark scheme is applied.

English e-Library

Our English e-Library, in partnership with Cambridge University Press, is a place where specially created content sits alongside the digital versions of our poetry anthologies.

Free to access for teachers to use in the classroom and for students to use independently for homework or revision, the English e-Library is intended to bring texts to life on-screen.

Find out more online at
aqa.org.uk/e-library



Guidance on non-exam assessment

Theory and independence is the non-exam assessment (NEA) component of this specification. This guidance develops and exemplifies the NEA requirements set out in the specification, and provides advice on text choice and task setting.

AQA Critical anthology

Although the Critical anthology can be used to support students' reading and study throughout the course, it has been designed specifically to support component 3, Theory and independence. There are a collection of extracts that relate to six different ways of reading literature, providing a lens through which students can look at texts.



Order your printed anthologies at
aqa.org.uk/English-anthologies

Assess

Prepare your students for assessment with our specimen and past papers, mark schemes and example answers.

Commentaries on the specimen assessment materials

We recognise that change to assessments can be a cause of anxiety and uncertainty. To this end, we have provided commentaries on each of the new AS and A-level specimen question papers, which explain how the questions address the assessment objectives and give some suggestions as to how each task might be approached.

Specimen question papers and mark schemes

Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. Ours are designed as a guide, and it must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document that is, in many cases, further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper.

Our specimen question papers are designed to reflect the topics covered in your teaching, and can be used as a tool to prepare your students for the exam.

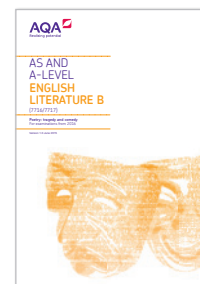


Introduce our new English e-Library to your classroom

As part of our commitment to delivering English for everyone, we developed our English e-Library.

Created to assist teachers with their planning and teaching and to engage with students in new digital ways, it can be used for solo projects or collaboratively – meaning that it opens up a whole new way to learn that will captivate and inspire every student, whatever their learning style.

What is on the English e-Library for me to use?



Our English e-Library is full of specially created content for **AS and A-level English Literature B**.

You will currently find our Poetry: crime and political and social protest and Poetry:

tragedy and comedy anthologies on our English e-Library. In the classroom you can select texts to display, pre-prepare or highlight words and sections as you go to reference in your teaching, or play short film clips and readings to bring the texts to life for your students.

We recommend playing with the functionality, to find new ways to bring your teaching to life.

Keen to get started?

Since September, we have had over 2,000 schools and colleges nominate a lead user for our English e-Library. Your school or college might be one of them, so please check with your colleagues before submitting our online form (which you will find on our website) to request your login details.

Each school or college only needs one lead user, who can then assign the anthologies or texts to other English teachers in their department.

For full details on getting started, please visit [aqa.org.uk/e-library](https://www.aqa.org.uk/e-library)



We hope you've enjoyed this at-a-glance guide to our resources, and that you'll discover even more inspiration online to spark your students' imaginations this year.