

English Literature A Level – Preparatory Work 2026

Compulsory work

Read '*A Streetcar Named Desire*' by Tennessee Williams. You can easily find an electronic version of the text online. There will be copies available to buy in the college library at reduced prices in September.

You will have a test on the play in your very first English Literature lesson to check basic knowledge and understanding.

Once you have read the play, go to https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sixty+second+recap+a+streetcar+named+desire and watch each of the 60 second videos (there are 10 of them) to help you start thinking about some of the key ideas in the play.

Optional work

Read '*Never Let Me Go*' by Kazuo Ishiguro

Read '*Frankenstein*' by Mary Shelley

You will need your own hard copies of the set texts to annotate in class. You should get the following editions: *Frankenstein* (Wordsworth Classics) *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Penguin Modern Classics) *Never Let Me Go* (Faber and Faber). **They will be available to buy at reduced prices in the college library in September.**