

Transition Tasks: Into Year 12 English Literature

The novel (Text 1):

- 1) Purchase *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Frankenstein-Modern-Prometheus-1818-Text/dp/0199537151/ref=dp_ob_title_bk

ISBN: 978-0199537150

- 2) Write your responses to the following questions, to bring to the first lesson back:
 - Whose actions are justified in the novel? How / why?
 - To what extent do you think Dr Frankenstein is a villain?
 - In your opinion, what was the main factor in his creation's descent into evil?
 - To what extent do you think "The Monster" can be described as a villain?
 - Why might setting, especially at the start and the end of the novel, be significant?
 - What do you think are the key themes in this novel? Provide a little justification for each.
 - *Extension: research the context in which the novel was produced.*

Poetry:

- 1) Purchase *Poems of the Decade An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry*

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Poems-Decade-Anthology-Forward-Poetry/dp/0571325408>

ISBN 9780571325405

- 2) Go to *Guardian Poem of the Week* website.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/series/poemoftheweek>

- 3) Explore a selection of poems.
- 4) Choose five poems to present back to the class. Be prepared to explain:
 - Why you chose these poems
 - What you think might be the key ideas
 - Any interesting ways in which the poets have tried to convey their ideas.

Don't forget to bring in copies of the poems!