

Year 9 End-of-Year Assessments Revision Guide (Reading and Writing)

Reading Assessment (45 minutes)

The Reading assessment will be about the **WHGS Love and Relationships Anthology** you've been reading in class. The test will focus one of the following poems from the genre of **love and relationships poetry**:

Valentine

Annabel Lee

Porphyria's Lover

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In this assessment you will complete a single question worth **36 marks**.

The test will last **45 minutes** in total.

On the assessment paper, you will be given **one** of the **four poems** we've studied in class, at random. All four potential poems will be in your book, on printouts or available on Teams, but you won't know which one will be featured in the assessment until you take the test itself. **Make sure you know all four poems well.**

The question will be about one of the three big themes in the anthology (**romantic love, love and death or love and home/family**)

The question you will answer be in this format:

How do the poets present ideas about [big theme] in [the chosen poem] and one other poem from the anthology?

HOWEVER! Unlike in previous years, you will also be expected to compare the one poem you've been given with other poems in the anthology using the same theme. This is an essential skill to master in Y9 as you'll have to do this in your English Literature GCSE examination on poetry.

How to Revise:

- Reread your class text and annotate it. If you have lost your copy, find it on Teams
- Reread any answers from class, focusing on how to properly structure a paragraph
- Build character and theme mind maps from scratch – what quotes can you remember?
- Revise your understanding of Language and Structure features/writing techniques
- Reread any work completed in your book, especially on writing essays
- Write a practice question in 45 minutes using the six potential practice questions and the extracts
- Reread your Knowledge Builder and test yourself
- Use Bedrock to improve your English skills (www.bedrocklearning.org) and BBC Bitesize English KS3

Writing Assessment (45 minutes)

In this assessment you will complete a single task worth **36 marks**.

The test will last **45 minutes** in total.

For the Writing assessment, you will need to write a well-organised and expressed piece of **non-fiction** in a particular form, with a particular purpose and audience. You must be prepared to write in the appropriate form the question asks of you. Examples of text type you may be asked to write are: letter, review, speech, newspaper article, magazine article.

You will gain marks for both appropriateness/creativity of content/organisation and SPaG.

How to Revise:

- Reread your previous non-fiction pieces carefully and think about what works well/EBI
- Practise writing any of the text types using prompts listed below
- Check your new piece for SPaG and make edits/corrections
- Share your piece with an adult/friend to check it reads well
- Read articles, speeches and newspapers to gain inspiration and understanding of what works well – there's lots online.
- Use Bedrock, BBC Bitesize, GCSEpod and any other sites you've been shown in class

Example prompts to practise:

Write a letter to your local council to gain funding for a project you feel passionate about

Write a review of an event or attraction you have attended

Write an article about a hobby or special interest and why others should take it up

Write a speech to raise awareness of an issue you think is important

Write a newspaper article reporting on a local problem or event in your area