



# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

**GRADE  
9**

- AO1: Offer perceptive and original interpretations, going beyond surface meaning
- AO2: Analyse language, form, and structure with sophistication, commenting on subtle effects
- AO3: Use context confidently and critically, considering authorial choices and contemporary relevance
- Produce well-structured, coherent essays with sustained argument
- Show nuance in analysis, linking quotations, methods, themes, and context effectively

**GRADE  
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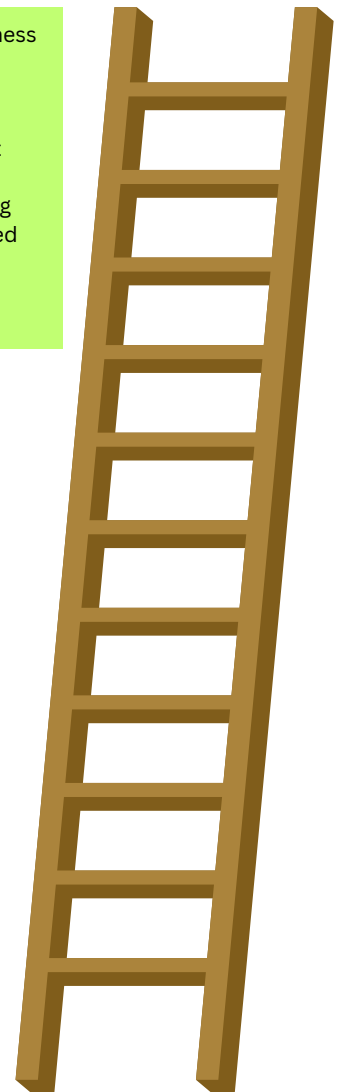
- AO1: Explore alternative interpretations, showing awareness that readers may respond differently
- AO2: Analyse language, form, and structure in depth, identifying nuanced effects
- AO3: Integrate context smoothly into analysis to support interpretations
- Make coherent, structured arguments in extended writing
- Use sophisticated textual references, including embedded quotations
- ▲ Move up by: synthesising ideas across the text and evaluating the writer's intentions

**GRADE  
4**

- AO1: Explain themes and ideas using relevant quotations
- AO2: Explain effects of language, form, and structure (e.g., how repetition emphasises emotion)
- AO3: Show some awareness of context, e.g., historical, cultural, or social influences on characters
- Begin to make connections between characters, events, and themes
- Use short paragraphs with a clear point, evidence, and brief explanation
- ▲ Move up by: analysing writer's methods, e.g., why certain words, sentence types, or narrative techniques are used

**GRADE  
3**

- AO1: Show basic understanding of plot, main events, and key characters
- AO2: Identify language features (similes, metaphors, adjectives) and simple structural devices
- AO3: Begin to recognise context (author's background, time period)
- Can summarise events clearly in their own words
- Use short quotations to support points, even if not fully explained
- ▲ Move up by: explaining why language or structure matters, e.g., "This metaphor shows that the character feels trapped because..."



### 🔑 NON-NEGOTIABLES FOR EVERY GRADE

- ✓ Use quotations to support every point
- ✓ Explain effects of language, structure, and form
- ✓ Stay focused on the question
- ✓ Write in clear paragraphs with a topic sentence and explanation
- ✓ Use precise terminology (e.g., metaphor, contrast, narrative perspective)
- ✓ Include contextual references where relevant
- ✓ Proofread for spelling, punctuation, and grammar

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