

WJEC GCE AS/A Level English Language and Literature

Set Texts List

AS Unit 2 Drama and Non-literary Text Study (open-book, clean copy)

Section A: Post-1900 drama

Section A is based on the study of one post-1900 drama text from the list below:

Tennessee Williams: <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> (Penguin Modern Classics) (9780141190273)
Peter Shaffer: <i>Amadeus</i> (Penguin Modern Classics) (9780141188898)
Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard: <i>Shakespeare in Love</i> (Faber) (9780571201082)
Edward Albee: <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i> (Vintage Classics) (9780099285694)
Diane Samuels: <i>Kindertransport</i> (Nick Hern Books) (9781854595270)

Section B: Non-literary text study

Section B is based on the study of one non-literary prose text from the list below:

Truman Capote: <i>In Cold Blood</i> (Penguin Modern Classics) (9780141182575)
David Eggers: <i>A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius</i> (Picador) (9780330456715)
Robert Minhinnick: <i>Watching The Fire-Eater</i> (Seren) (9781854110756)
George Orwell: <i>Down and Out in Paris and London</i> (Penguin Modern Classics) (9780141184388)
Andrea Ashworth: <i>Once in a House on Fire</i> (Picador) (9780330450089)

A2 Unit 3 Shakespeare (closed-book)

Candidates must study one Shakespeare play selected from the list below:

Antony and Cleopatra
King Lear
Much Ado About Nothing
Othello
The Tempest

As this is a closed-book examination, centres may select any edition of these plays by Shakespeare for study, but it is important to remember that there may be variations between editions. For the purpose of the examination, the **Collins Alexander Complete Works of William Shakespeare** will be used for extract-based questions.

A2 Unit 4 Unseen Texts and Prose Study (open-book)

Section B: Prose study (open-book, clean copy)

Candidates must study one text from the list below:

Margaret Atwood: <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> (Vintage) (9781784871444)
Jane Austen: <i>Emma</i> (Penguin Classics) (9780141439587)
Charles Dickens: <i>Great Expectations</i> (Penguin Classics) (9780141439563)
Thomas Hardy: <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> (Penguin Classics) (9780141439594)
Alice Walker: <i>The Color Purple</i> (W & N) (9781780228716)