

Higher English Useful Information, Websites and Revision Tips.

Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.

- Use **SCHOLAR** and practice the question types. Use the BBC Bitesize sites for their tips on how to answer the different types of questions.
- Complete the SQA Specimen papers and Past Papers available for free on their website, and mark with the marking schemes.
- Buy Higher English Past Papers, Practice papers and 'old' Higher past papers to practise your Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.
- Use the My E-Tutor website to help you with their page on Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.
- Buy the SQA endorsed How to Pass Higher English for CfE (How To Pass - Higher Level) book. The older version is also still very useful – even though it's not specific to Curriculum for Excellence.
- Practice! There's tons of stuff out there if you look online. Ask your teacher if they have anything else you could work through. The English department has work on each specific question type – practice the ones you know you struggle with.

Critical Essay Writing

- Use the BBC Bitesize sites for their tips on improving critical essays.
- Use the English Department's resources to show you how to write good introductions, essay paragraphs, analyse and evaluate correctly.
- Read over your notes and texts so that they are firmly embedded in your mind. You should revise English at least once a week for a whole night – or better, revise a little each night so it's firmly implanted in your mind for May!
- Use the SQA website to build yourself a Revision Timetable and start now. For Higher – it's about the practice for an A.
- Practice building 'skeleton essays' which have your introduction points laid out, your PEE paragraphs and conclusion. These are great to help you work out structure issues, so you definitely include a quote, analysis and evaluation, as well as refer back to the question/task.
- Time yourself writing critical essays so that you are comfortable writing in 45 – 50 minutes.
- Practice, practice, practice.

Scottish Set Text Section

- Read over your Scottish Text(s) regularly – you cannot learn it all the night before! Take it slowly; read them regularly and your notes too.
- Print off blank copies of your poems/sections of your play and annotate them from memory – see what you already know, and add to them daily.
- Build tables of comparisons between characters, poems, themes or anything else you could possibly compare.
- Practice the 10 mark answer by making comparisons between **poems, prose** and **drama** based on themes; narrative voice; similar techniques; style of writing; key scenes... the list goes on and on...
- Use the SQA website and the Critical reading past papers to see what types of questions they ask for your Set Text.
- There's SQA-endorsed books out there for Critical Reading. These may help – but check they have your texts first, before you spend the money.

Revise – there's nothing better than good old-fashioned hard work. Attend study; ask questions; do extra work and get it marked. Your best resource is your teacher!

BBC Bitesize for Higher: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zqxhfg8>

SQA Exam Board Website- Higher English: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47904.html>

My etutor website: <https://www.youtube.com/user/myetutorUK>