

## **Elevate 11 English Literature**

Take a clean sheet of paper and write the heading, **English and me**. Now write for 10 minutes about what you think and feel about English. Take your time.

Below are some prompt questions which might help you shape your ideas.

- *What do I enjoy about my English lessons?*
- *Which activities do I look forward to? Are there activities I don't like so much?*
- *What would my teacher say my strengths were in English?*

### **Ready for English Challenge**

Professor Robert Eaglestone is Professor of Contemporary Literature and Thought at Royal Holloway University. In [this video](#), Eaglestone gives 18 reasons why students should study English. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5fXwHU1dTmeH2lyUO17DOA>

His talk is aimed at those considering English at degree level, but what he says also has great relevance for English A level too.

**Which of Eaglestone's 18 reasons most appeal to you?**

**Please choose one option from below, and bring your written response to your first English lesson.**

### **Option 1: Watch a play on-line and write a response or review**

**The access log-in is for Seven Kings School students and staff only.**

Please follow these instructions:

Go to: <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com>

**Username: 5Al(2Kn@n)**

**Password: 1Xn&5Ca!y+**

### **Option 2: Write a poem in response to a poem**

A great way to really get into a poem is to write your own poem in response to it.

You could choose one from your GCSE anthology – or take the plunge and find a new poem from one of the websites below!

Read the poem several times – including out loud. Leave it to one side, let it live in your head, come back and read it again after you've thought about it a bit.

Now write your poem in response. You could do this in a number of different ways. You could try and write in the style of the original poem or explore one of its ideas or develop what happens in the poem. It's up to you.

### **Online poetry libraries**

Poetry Foundation <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

The Saturday Poem <https://www.theguardian.com/books/series/saturdaypoem>

National Poetry Library <https://www.nationalpoetrylibrary.org.uk/online-poetry/poems>

### **Option 3: Short Story Exploration**

Short stories are a brilliant way of immersing yourself in a wide range of narrative texts and genre.

Explore the websites listed below where you can read a range of stories. Choose a story you like the look of and read it. As soon as you have finished reading the story, start to explore your response in writing.

### **Short stories on-line**

A Personal Anthology <https://apersonalanthology.com/>

Granta <https://granta.com/discoveries-24/>

New Yorker (limited number of articles/stories per month before subscribing)

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/fiction>

Electric Literature <https://electricliterature.com/>

Selected Shorts: Let Us Tell You Story <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/selected-short/id253191824>