



Curriculum Narrative

Subject: English Year: 8 Author: MJO

Key Skills Key Knowledge Pupils will know Pupils will be able to **Subject Skills: Key Threshold Concepts:** How to read and write about different literary genres Critically appreciate different text types How to write in different genres - reflecting on audience and purpose How to structure an essay commenting on evidence, Understand the different contexts of literary including closed book analysis works How to use discourse markers and linked paragraphs Individual, peer and group presentations How to write persuasively. Consolidate and develop grammatical knowledge to support writing Understanding bias in language

Subject Specific Knowledge and Sequencing:

• The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

What kind of Character is Sherlock Holmes?
Scientific developments in the Victorian era;
class and society in Victorian England; the
detective genre; duality; periodicals

• The Tempest

How is Caliban presented in the extract and in the rest of the play?

The Elizabethan age of exploration; colonialism; nature / nurture; the form of a comedy; subplots; soliloquy and monologue; Italian city-states

• Animal Farm

How and why does the farm fail in Animal Farm?

Allegory; Orwell's life and times; the Russian Revolution; recurring imagery; irony and corruption

• Writing for Pleasure includes discreet grammar teaching

Prerequisites and Spiral Teaching:

- Students will have increased understanding of genre conventions
- Key areas of literary history and heritage
- Variety of different text types
- Understanding the constructed nature of literary text
- Understanding of the relationship between texts and the societies in which they were produced
- Building on analysing the language of the text to understand the writer at work

Cross-Curricular Knowledge Links:

Geography – Colonialism; Italian states
History –Scientific developments in the Victorian Era; class
and society in Victorian England; Elizabethan England and
colonialism

Drama- soliloguy and Monolgue





Reading Lists / Sources / Reading around the subject recommendations:

- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes- Arthur Conan Doyle
- The Tempest- William Shakespeare
- Animal Farm- George Orwell
- Reading for Pleasure Texts
- Personal Reading Choices