

A Level English Language and Literature

Holiday homework

1. Read *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
2. Read at least one text from the following list of crime fiction:
 - Arthur Conan Doyle: *Short Stories*
 - Donna Tartt: *The Secret History*
 - John Buchan: *The Thirty-Nine Steps*
 - Raymond Chandler: *Farewell, My Lovely*
 - Kate Summerscale: *The Suspicions of Mr Whicher*
 - David Guterson: *Snow Falling on Cedars*
 - Iain Banks: *The Crow Road*
 - John Le Carre: *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*
 - Patricia Highsmith: *The Talented Mr Ripley*
3. **For one of the texts** you have read complete the following tasks:
 - a) Write a summary of the story line in no more than 100 words.
 - b) Write a list of 5 reasons why you think this text has appeals to its readers.
 - c) Make detailed notes under the following headings:
 - SETTING
 - PRESENTATION OF TWO OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS
 - THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENDING

You will be tested on your knowledge of *The Color Purple*. The written work will be collected in and reviewed by your teachers in September.