

A Level English Language and Literature

Transition work

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) Have some fun writing an entertaining summary of the story line in no more than 100 words. Think about ways in which you can use language to surprise and delight your reader!
 - b) Write a list of 5 thoughtfully developed reasons why you think this text appeals to its readers.
 - c) As you read the novel, 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* in the first few weeks of term.

The written work will be collected in and reviewed by your teachers in September.