**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*

1. **For one of the texts** you have read complete the following tasks:
2. Write a summary of the story line in no more than 100 words.
3. Write a list of 5 reasons why you think this text has appeals to its readers.
4. Make detailed notes under the following headings:

* SETTING
* PRESENTATION OF TWO OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS
* THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENDING

1. Print out, read and annotate the Spectator article accessible through this link <https://life.spectator.co.uk/2016/10/crime-fiction-finally-getting-critical-respect-deserves/>

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