

Higher English: Course Guide

Writing Folio

- * You will write 1 piece — either discursive or creative.
- * These will be planned, developed and drafted over the course of Higher
- * The Writing Folio is sent to the SQA in March and is 30% of your overall Higher grade.

Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (RUAЕ)

- * This is Paper 1 of the exam—you will have 90 minutes.
- * You will read **two** passages and answer a series of questions that ask you to show your **U**nderstanding, **A**nalysis and **E**valuation. You will answer a final question that compares the ideas/style of both passages.
- * The RUAЕ Paper is 30% of your overall Higher grade.

Scottish Set Text

- * This is the first section in Paper 2 of the exam—Critical Reading. You will have 45 minutes for this part of the paper.
- * In the paper, you will have the whole text/an extract from the text/s you have studied and will answer a series of questions based on the extract.
- * The final question asks you to compare the given text/extract with another text or part of the text, focusing on a key theme or idea.
- * This Scottish Set Text section of Paper 2 is 20% of your overall Higher Grade.

Critical Essay

- * This is the second section of Paper 2 of the exam—Critical Reading. You will have 45 minutes for this part of the paper.
- * You will be required to write 1 essay in response to a text you have studied in class.
- * You will not have the text with you.
- * The Critical Essay section of Paper 2 is 20% of your overall Higher Grade.

Spoken Language Assessment

- * You will complete a spoken language assessment—this will be either a solo presentation or a group discussion.
- * You must pass this assessment to sit the final exam.
- * The Spoken Language Assessment is Pass/Fail. It does not affect your overall grade for Higher English.

Helpful Websites and Advice

- * Ensure you can access GLOW and check your Google Classroom regularly to find any work missed or extra materials.
- * SQA website (Higher English) has all Past Papers and marking schemes.
- * SQA Understanding Standards has examples of pupil work for each of the different elements of the Higher course.
- * BBC Bitesize has revision material for Scottish Set Texts and RUAЕ.
- * SCHOLAR also has a wide range of resources to support the Higher course.
- * Read broadsheet newspapers such as The Independent, The Guardian, The Scotsman to help broaden vocabulary and understanding.
- * Stay organised—a folder will help you keep all your notes together.
- * Stay up to date with all work. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to catch up on work missed.
- * Ask questions!

