

# National 5 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 N5.
- \* The Writing Folio is sent to the SQA in March and is 30% of your overall N5 grade.

## Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (RUAЕ)

- \* This is Paper 1 of the exam—you will have 60 minutes.
- \* You will read a passage and answer a series of questions that ask you to show your **U**nderstanding of the text, **A**nalyse the language used by the writer and **E**valuate it effectiveness.
- \* The RUAЕ Paper is 30% of your overall N5 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 N5 Grade.
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## 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 N5 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 N5.

## 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 (National 5 English) has all Past Papers and marking schemes.
- \* SQA Understanding Standards has examples of pupil work for each of the different elements of the N5 course.
- \* BBC Bitesize has revision material for Scottish Set Texts and RUAЕ.
- \* SCHOLAR also has a wide range of resources to support the N5 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!