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Independent Work

Term 1

Year 7

- ✓ Research the meanings of place names near you. Create a guide.
- ✓ Can you find any evidence of Saxon, the Normans, Vikings near you? Make a collection.

Year 8

- ✓ Create a scrapbook of advertisements where you have annotated the techniques used.
- ✓ Make your own dictionary of words that you and your friends say; dialect words & phrases or words used by your family.

Year 9

- ✓ Satis House is now a ruin, but people still visit it. Write a speech for guides taking visitors around the remains of the house.
- ✓ Write a Wikipedia entry for a character in 'Great Expectations'.

Term 2

Year 7

- ✓ Build a model of the Globe theatre.
- ✓ Watch an adaptation of a Shakespeare play that you haven't seen before and write a review.

Year 8

- ✓ Watch an adaptation of a Shakespeare play that you haven't seen before and write a review.
- ✓ Write a Wikipedia entry for a character in the play that you have studied in class.

Year 9

- ✓ Create a modern version of 'Much Ado About Nothing'.
- ✓ Create a cast list for a production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' and explain why you think each person would suit the role.

Term 3

Year 7

- ✓ Create a scrapbook of newspaper headlines. Annotate the techniques used.
- ✓ Read a non-fiction book and write a brief review.

Year 8

- ✓ Make a collection of leaflets. Write a report on how the information is organised.
- ✓ Read a non-fiction book and write a brief review.

Year 9

- ✓ Read a non-fiction book and write a brief review.
- ✓ Make a collection of factual articles from broadsheets. Investigate the use of formal language.

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Term 4

Year 7

- ✓ Create a dictionary, where you categorise novels and short stories that you have read into different genres.
- ✓ Create a scrapbook with extracts from different genres.

Year 8

- ✓ Create a scrapbook with extracts from different Gothic novels.
- ✓ Read a book that you think fits the Gothic genre. Make a list of all the Gothic features.

Year 9

- ✓ Read a book that you think fits the dystopian genre. Make a list of all the dystopian features.
- ✓ Create a poster representing the dystopian genre.

Term 5

Year 7

- ✓ Find examples of poetry techniques in any written form. Make a scrapbook.
- ✓ Read a collection of poetry. Choose your favourite poem. You can read it to the class and explain why you like it or you can write a short explanation.

Year 8

- ✓ Create a dictionary of poetic techniques, illustrating each technique with an example.
- ✓ Read a collection of poetry. Choose your favourite poem. You can read it to the class and explain why you like it, or you can write a short explanation.

Year 9

- ✓ Research a World War 1 poet. Think of a creative way to present your findings.
- ✓ Find other poetry about different wars. Make a small collection.

Term 6

Year 7

- ✓ Watch a play (this can be filmed or live) and write a review.
- ✓ Research a playwright and think of a creative way to present your findings.

Year 8

- ✓ Watch a play (this can be filmed or live) and write a review.
- ✓ Research a playwright and think of a creative way to present your findings.

Year 9

- ✓ Watch a play (this can be filmed or live) that has been written in the 20th or 21st century and write a review.
- ✓ Research a movement within the theatre (such as Naturalism, Theatre of Cruelty, Theatre of the Absurd – your teacher will have suggestions) and think of a creative way to present your findings.