



TRANSITION WORK

ENGLISH LITERATURE

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Now is your chance to be inspired and become passionate about your chosen subject. The two tasks below will give you a good understanding of two of your set texts and their contexts.

Once you have completed your reading you will submit a **300-word piece of writing** in which you reflect on what you have learned. We will also expect to see the **notes you have made on each task** in your English Literature folders (more details on your folder will be provided at the start of term).

Reading

Task 1

Read: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (one of your prose set texts) and *1984* by George Orwell. Consider the parallels between both these novels and the ways in which Atwood may have been influenced by Orwell's work. Make brief notes.

Task 2

Read: *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald (your second prose set texts) and any novel by John Steinbeck. Consider the different social, cultural and historical contexts which these two authors present in their work. Make brief notes.

Task 3

Writing

Once you have completed the tasks above you need to produce a piece of writing reflecting on what you have learned. You should consider the insights into the set texts that you have gained from reading works by other writers. **You should write about 300 words.**