



## St Joseph's College English Department.

Preparation work for A Level Study - English Literature.

One of the set texts for study at A Level is *Emily Bronte's 'Wuthering Heights'*.  
You will study this in class with your Year 12 teacher.

*At A Level there is an expectation (and need!) that you read around and beyond the set texts on the curriculum, therefore your summer tasks help to develop the wider understanding of the literature of this time period that will underpin your study of 'Wuthering Heights'.*

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Read the short story 'The Yellow Wallpaper' by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1952/1952-h/1952-h.htm>

Audiobook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNmsauVB3bk&t=256s>  
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Research the Gothic genre and historical context. Make notes on the key elements.

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Read at least one of the following (from any category):

### Gothic

*Dracula* – Bram Stoker

*Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley

*The Woman in White* – Wilkie Collins

*The Bloody Chamber* – Angela Carter

### Bronte family

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte

*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* – Anne Bronte

Emily Bronte's 'Gondal' poetry, at:

<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/manuscript-of-emily-brontes-gondal-poetry>

### Victorian novels

*Great Expectations* – Charles Dickens

*North and South* – Elizabeth Gaskell

You will need to bring your notes and your copy of 'Wuthering Heights' to your first lesson. Be prepared to discuss, argue and justify your ideas. All of these elements will form your first tasks in class.