



English Language and Literature 2024

You should be ready to hand your work in on your first lesson in September.

The Handmaid's Tale

When you start your course in September, you will embark upon a unit called *Imagined Worlds* where you will be expected to explore the imagined worlds of texts which are characterised by unusual narratives, narrators and events. The text that you will be exploring is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood*.

In order to familiarise yourself with the text to be studied you should of course read it. You should then conduct some research into the context of the novel.

Your task is as follows:

1. Purchase and read *The Handmaid's Tale*
2. Complete a reading log for each chapter (there are 46!) which include:
 - What happens
 - Key quotes (language analysis)
 - Connections to context (social/historical/dystopian genre). Use task three to help you with this.
3. Conduct some research into Margaret Atwood's life and times. Consider:
 - Atwood and her life
 - the background to the novel, when was it written and why
 - what was happening during Atwood's life (social and historical context)
 - what may have inspired or influenced her work
 - any other useful observations

**The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

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Linguistic Terms

At the beginning of the course, you will be introduced to the framework of Language Levels, which you will use to analyse a range of texts. To prepare for this, find definitions and examples of the following linguistic terms.

<i>Main verb</i>	<i>Quantitative adjective</i>	<i>Possessive pronoun</i>
<i>Auxiliary verb</i>	<i>Distributive adjective</i>	<i>Reflexive pronoun</i>
<i>Modal verb</i>	<i>Descriptive adjective</i>	<i>Relative pronoun</i>
<i>Stative verb</i>	<i>Possessive adjective</i>	<i>Demonstrative pronoun</i>
<i>Dynamic verb</i>	<i>Interrogative adjective</i>	<i>Interrogative pronoun</i>
<i>Proper noun</i>	<i>Adverb of time</i>	<i>Indefinite pronoun</i>
<i>Common noun</i>	<i>Adverb of place</i>	<i>Simple sentence</i>
<i>Concrete noun</i>	<i>Adverb of degree</i>	<i>Compound sentence</i>
<i>Abstract noun</i>	<i>Adverb of frequency</i>	<i>Complex sentence</i>
<i>Collective noun</i>	<i>Adverb of manner</i>	<i>Declarative sentence</i>
<i>Pre-modifier</i>	<i>Preposition</i>	<i>Interrogative sentence</i>
<i>Post-modifier</i>	<i>Noun phrase</i>	<i>Imperative sentence</i>
<i>Comparative adjective</i>	<i>Verb phrase</i>	<i>Exclamative sentence</i>
<i>Superlative adjective</i>		
<i>Demonstrative adjective</i>		

