



Preparing to study **A-Level English Literature** **at Turton**

Hi there!

I'm delighted that you're thinking of studying A-Level English Literature next year. Now, as your school year has been cut short, it would make sense to start preparing for the demands of A-Level. I've provided you with a couple of tasks below that will help you get ahead of the game. Enjoy!

TASK ONE:

- Firstly, purchase and read ***Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini**; this is one of your coursework texts, which you will start work on in September.
- My next recommendation is ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain** (not the children's version – perhaps get the Penguin Classics edition); this will help prepare you for an exam text (the sequel) that you will start reading at the end of Year 12. You can read it here if you don't want to purchase the book: <http://www.online-literature.com/twain/tomsawyer/>
- You will be studying American literature for part of your exam so the more novels you read, the better will be your understanding of common themes. You could start with **Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* and/or *White Fang***.
- If you're a voracious reader and you get through all those, email me (Mr Johnson) for more recommendations: johnsond@turton.uk.com



TASK TWO:

- Research biographical information on some of the writers whom you will study:
 - Carol Ann Duffy
 - Tennessee Williams
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - Mark Twain
 - William Shakespeare
 - Henrik Ibsen
 - Christina Rossetti
 - Geoffrey Chaucer

