

Drama and Theatre Studies

Year 11-12 Bridging Project

To succeed at A level Drama & Theatre Studies it is important to be as well-read as possible in terms of classical and new plays, and to be familiar with the different playwrights. Please choose a text from the selection below.

All the plays below are available to purchase from Amazon. If you are unable to purchase/source a copy, please feel free to use any play you find online or one you may already have at home. Below the table is a link that shows the many sites offering live streaming of plays for free/small charge during the lockdown period.

You will be expected to read (and hopefully enjoy!) the play and complete the following table based on your response. We will then share our findings and opinions in a seminar/book review session during the first week back. This will hopefully broaden everyone's reading repertoire!

HAPPY READING!

- Peter Shaffer's 'Equus'
- Gordon Steele's 'Like a Virgin'
- Shelagh Delaney's 'Five Kinds of Silence'
- Simon Stephens' 'Punk Rock'

Brief Play Synopsis	
Style/genre of the play	
Favourite character and why	

Historical period of the play	
Social context (historical and political events of the time of writing/setting)	
Favourite scene and why	
Any drama techniques evident in the play/practitioner	
Anything else?	

OTHER RECOMMENDED READING FOR A LEVEL COURSE:

Antigone by Sophocles (Written exam set text for component 1)

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka (Written exam set text for component 1)

Bronte by Polly Teale (possible performance text for practical exam component 3)

Road by Jim Cartwright (possible performance text for practical exam component 3)

Other possible task

Watch any live theatre or live performance (streamed online) and write evaluative notes on performance and production elements and how effective they are.

*Use all the ideas/approaches from your GCSE live theatre review preparation of *The Woman in Black*.*

<https://www.timeout.com/london/theatre/home-stage-five-ways-you-can-still-watch-plays-while-our-theatres-are-shut>