

## Year 9 Mid-year Assessments Revision Guide (Reading and Writing)

### Reading Assessment (45 minutes)

The Reading assessment will be about the text you've been reading in class. This will be one of the following texts from the genre of Gothic fiction:

#### *Century*

*The Woman in Black*

*Frankenstein*

*Dracula*

In this assessment you will complete a single question worth **36 marks**.  
The test will last **45 minutes** in total.

This assessment is **closed book**. This means you will **not** be given an extract and you will be relying on your knowledge of the text from lessons and revision.

The question will be about either: one of three main characters in the text or one of three big themes in the text. You will have been informed about all six potential questions before the exam by your teacher. The question you will answer be in this format:

**How is the character of [character name] presented in [the text you've studied]?**

**OR**

**How are ideas about [big theme] presented in [the text you've studied]?**

#### **How to Revise:**

- Reread your class text, if you have a copy
- Reread the four extracts (in your book/on Teams) carefully, adding more notes/annotation
- Revise your understanding of Language and Structure features/writing techniques
- Reread any work completed in your book, especially on writing essays
- Write a practice question in 45 minutes using the six potential practice questions and the extracts
- Reread your Knowledge Builder and test yourself
- Use Bedrock to improve your English skills ([www.bedrocklearning.org](http://www.bedrocklearning.org)) and BBC Bitesize English KS3

### Writing Assessment (45 minutes)

In this assessment you will complete a single task worth **36 marks**.  
The test will last **45 minutes** in total.

For the Writing assessment, you will need to write a well-organised and expressed piece of **non-fiction** in a particular form, with a particular purpose and audience. You must be prepared to write in the appropriate form the question asks of you. Examples of text type you may be asked to write are: letter, review, speech, newspaper article, magazine article.

You will gain marks for both appropriateness/creativity of content/organisation and SPaG.

#### **How to Revise:**

- Reread your previous non-fiction pieces carefully and think about what works well/EBI
- Practise writing any of the text types using prompts listed below
- Check your new piece for SPaG and make edits/corrections
- Share your piece with an adult/friend to check it reads well
- Read articles, speeches and newspapers to gain inspiration and understanding of what works well – there's lots online.
- Use Bedrock, BBC Bitesize, GCSEpod and any other sites you've been shown in class

#### Example prompts to practise:

Write a letter to your local council to gain funding for a project you feel passionate about

Write a review of an event or attraction you have attended

Write an article about a hobby or special interest and why others should take it up

Write a speech to raise awareness of an issue you think is important

Write a newspaper article reporting on a local problem or event in your area