

Subject	Year	Term
English	9	Summer 5
Topic		
Of Mice and Men		
Content (Intent)		
Prior Learning (Topic)		
Prior learning links to Year 7 <i>Treasure Island</i> and Year 8 <i>Animal Farm</i> – studying novels.		
This unit begins with an introduction to descriptive writing and a close analysis of the opening paragraph.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lessons on initial introduction to Steinbeck and the themes within his work. Lessons introducing context including The Great Depression and the roaring 20s. ✓ Lesson strengthening context through exploration of the characters (context and language analysis) ✓ Lessons on language analysis throughout, but specific focus on Crooks extract. ✓ Lessons exploring key extracts and developing PETAL paragraphs and essay writing. 		
Future Learning (Topic)		
Building skills for studying A Christmas Carol in Year 10.		
How will knowledge and skills will be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded? (Impact)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reading the novella -Watching a film adaptation -Discussion of plot, character, themes and issues -Exploration of context (research, images, video clips) -Analysis of key extracts -Essay writing 	Mid-term assessment: Two/three paragraphs about a theme in one chapter. End of term assessment Students will write an extended response to a question about a theme across the whole text. Question to be revealed in the week of the assessment.	
How can parents help at home?		
Discussing the novel with your child Watching the film with your child Reading with your child (recommended reads listed below) Reading your child's writing and discussing it with them. Is their argument clear? Is their spelling, punctuation and grammar correct? Use resources on BBC Bitesize to help your child revise Help your child to learn key spellings (these can be found on the vocabulary list below).		

Helpful further reading/discussion

Reading

The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck

The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald

To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

Where The Crawdad Sing – Delia Owens

Vocabulary Lists

American Dream
cyclical
Great Depression
hierarchy
isolation
loneliness
migrant
racism
segregation
The Dustbowl

Careers Links

Author
Journalist
Librarian
Marketing Executive
PR
Teacher
TV and film (director/actor)