



SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ENGLISH LITERATURE AT SCABOROUGH SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Doing some of the reading over the summer will really help you to bridge the gap from GCSE to A Level, and having your own texts in lessons will enable you to annotate them with your own notes in class, and thus aid your revision. These are readily available online or can be ordered from bookshops. It might be an idea to get a head start on the novels for the A Level English Literature course:

- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini (to be studied in the first year)
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (to be studied in the second year)

Wide and Independent Reading

The big difference between GCSE and A level is that at A Level you need to read widely and read independently. The more you read the better your grades will be - it's not rocket science! Here are some things you can be reading over the summer to help prepare you for the rigours of your English Literature A Level. They all feature somewhere on the specification:

Harvest by Jim Crace,
Hard Times by Charles Dickens,
A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen,

Small Island by Andrea Levy,
She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver
Goldsmith,
Emma by Jane Austen,

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