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ASAP!

'What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it'.

'He liked the mere act of reading, the magic of turning scratches on a page into words inside his head.'

John Green

'That is part of the beauty of all literature. You discover that your longings are universal longings, that you're not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong.'

F. Scott-Fitzgerald

What is in store from now till then?

I will give you a series of tasks over the coming months to ease you into an A level way of thinking and writing. **You have had task one already** – create an account on Edmodo and join our group. Ensure you **turn on notifications** though, or you will miss all my posts!

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Task 3:

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If you are having trouble getting a copy, the full text is here:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1260/1260-h/1260-h.htm>

Think about the different types of symbolism Bronte uses e.g. fire/ice

Do you think Jane is a reliable narrator?

Why do you think people at the time would have disapproved of this relationship?

What is the purpose of Bertha in the novel?

How does the reader feel about Jane?

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