

## A level literature induction tasks: 2023

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost



Why study literature? The obvious answer is – why not?! It makes you a better person; takes you to places beyond your imagination and seriously impresses people when you quote from Shakespeare!

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**Task 1:** Read the coursebook. It has a lot of information so get yourself a cuppa and get comfy! Make a note of any questions you have.

## **Task 2:**

You will need to buy and read **this exact edition** of 'Jane Eyre'. It is the one we use in class and it is essential we all have the same one. It must be read before you start the course.

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You can buy it from anywhere, but it must be this edition.

If you are waiting for it to arrive and want to get stuck in, the full text is available here:

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

The screenshot shows the Amazon UK product page for 'Jane Eyre (Oxford World's Classics) Paperback – 12 Sept. 2019'. The page features a book cover image on the left, a 'Look inside' link, and a 'Listen' button. The main title is 'Jane Eyre (Oxford World's Classics) Paperback – 12 Sept. 2019' by Charlotte Brontë (Author), Margaret Smith (Editor), and Juliette Atkinson (Introduction). It has a 4.5-star rating from 12,344 ratings. Below the title, there are links to 'See all formats and editions' and 'Read with Our Free App'. The price section shows the Paperback at £4.54, with other formats like Kindle Edition (£0.48), Audiobook (£0.00), Hardcover (£5.42), and Loose Leaf (from £19.95). A 'Promotion Message' states that Prime Student members get 10% off. A note mentions that the item is eligible for FREE click and collect. The description begins with 'Throughout the hardships of her childhood - spent with a severe aunt and abusive cousin, and later at the austere Lowood charity school - Jane Eyre clings to a sense of self-worth, despite of her treatment from those close to her.' The right sidebar shows the 'Buy new' price of £4.54, with a 'FREE delivery' date of Friday, May 28, and a 'Fastest delivery' of Tomorrow. It also includes a 'Select delivery location' option and a 'Buy Now' button.

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**Jane Eyre (Oxford World's Classics) Paperback – 12 Sept. 2019**  
by Charlotte Brontë (Author), Margaret Smith (Editor), Juliette Atkinson (Introduction)  
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"Gentle reader, may you never feel what I then felt!"

Throughout the hardships of her childhood - spent with a severe aunt and abusive cousin, and later at the austere Lowood charity school - Jane Eyre clings to a sense of self-worth, despite of her treatment from those close to her. At the age of eighteen, sick of her narrow existence, she seeks work as a governess. The monotony of Jane's new life at Thornfield Hall is broken up by the arrival of her peculiar and changeful employer, Mr Rochester. Routine at the mansion is further disrupted by mysterious incidents that draw the pair closer together but which, once explained, threaten Jane's happiness and

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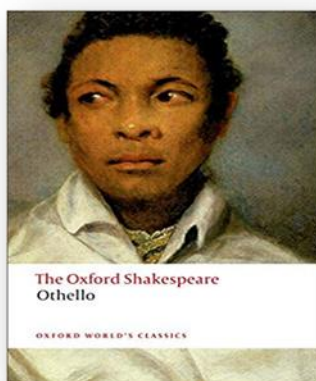
**Bronte use five main locations in 'Jane Eyre'.**

- Gateshead
- Lowood
- Thornfield
- Marsh End
- Ferndean

What does Jane **learn** about **love** at each one (familial, sororal, romantic, separation, lack of love etc)? How is she changed by these experiences? **Make notes and be prepared to share.**

### **Task 4:**

You will need to purchase a copy of 'Othello'. This edition as excellent notes in which are very helpful.



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Read it. Try and watch a film version if you can. There are some on YouTube; The National Theatre website; DVD.

Research the position of women in Jacobean society.