

Instructions for completing the GCE A Level English Literature pre-1900 text coverage form

The subject criteria for GCE A level English Literature for first teaching in September 2015 require that at least 3 pre-1900 texts are studied. In the Pearson Edexcel specification, two of these texts are compulsory: one text from a choice of eight Shakespeare plays and one pre-1900 prose text from a choice of 12, across six themes.

As per the requirements of the specification, the third pre-1900 text must be selected from one of the three examined components: Drama, Prose or Poetry.

Any one of the following texts may be selected as the third pre-1900 text:

Component 1: Drama – Pre 1900 text options	
Doctor Faustus	Christopher Marlowe
The Duchess of Malfi	John Webster
The Importance of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde
The Rover	Aphra Behn

Component 2: Prose – Pre 1900 text options (one pre-1900 prose text must be studied, and a second from the same theme may be selected as the third pre-1900 text if desired)		
Theme	Text 1	Text 2
Childhood	What Maisie Knew	Hard Times
Colonisation and its Aftermath	Heart of Darkness	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Crime and Detection	Lady Audley's Secret	The Moonstone
Science and Society	Frankenstein	The War of the Worlds
The Supernatural	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Dracula
Women and Society	Wuthering Heights	Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Component 3: Poetry – Pre 1900 text options	
Poetry Movement	Poet
The Medieval Period	Chaucer
The Metaphysical Poets	John Donne
The Romantics	John Keats
The Victorians	Christina Rossetti

In order to confirm that you have met the requirement to cover at least three pre-1900 texts across the three examined components, please complete and submit the [pre-1900 text coverage form](#).

One form should be submitted per school/college. If multiple texts are being used to meet the third pre-1900 requirement i.e. different texts are being set in

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different teaching groups, please indicate all of the selected texts on the same form.

Responses will be stored and can be cross referenced against examination responses to ensure that centres have complied with the requirements of the specification and subject criteria.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to submit one form per teaching group?

A: No, please submit one form per school/college per A level cycle.

Q: When do I need to submit the form by?

A: By 30 September of the academic year that the teaching groups commence their A level studies.

Q: Do I need to submit a form for AS students?

A: No, the pre-1900 text coverage is automatically met in the AS level.

Q: What happens if one of the teachers at my school changes their mind about the text they're using to meet the pre-1900 text coverage after the form has been submitted in September?

A: Under these circumstances, a second form should be submitted. However, to avoid making multiple submissions, as far as is possible, please do try and ensure that all final decisions regarding text choice have been made prior to submitting the text coverage form.

Please note that the submission of the form is to confirm that you have read and understood the specification and that you are compliant with the required text coverage. It does not offer you feedback on your text choices. If you need any help with your text choices, or with completing the form, please email Clare Haviland, the English Subject Advisor at teachingenglish@pearson.co.uk