## Year 8 Revision Checklist

## <u>English</u>

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Your Summer Exam will assess your ability to read for meaning and also your knowledge and understanding of Writer's Craft, i.e. a writer's ability to use language to create engaging and powerful narrative.

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It will be structured like this:

Section A.

Read first extract from a novel.

Answer short questions to show you have understood the plot and characters.

Medium-length question asking you to write 2 Point; Evidence; Explanation paragraphs

Read second extract from the same novel.

Long question asking you how the writer has presented one of the characters – you are required to write several paragraphs for this.

## Section B

Creative writing. You will be given a picture to use as inspiration for a piece of creative writing. You will be expected to write in a way which is engaging, use a high level of vocabulary and use descriptive language features.

Note: This is a one hour examination. You are expected to make use of ALL of this time.

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Complete the **checklist** below to help structure your revision.

I CAN:



Section A: Reading Fiction		
Read a fiction text		
Answer questions about the text, using what I have read		
to help me		
Begin to consider meaning of specific words and their		
overall effectiveness		
Recognise language features, e.g. similes, metaphors,		
alliteration, listing, personification, powerful adjectives		
and verbs, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, metaphor;		
dialogue and adverb		
Explain why language features have been used and what		
effect they may have on the reader or atmosphere of the		
text		
Use quotation marks in my answer to indicate when I		
have taken words from the text		
Use P.E.E to structure my answer, e.g. make your point,		
back it up with a quotation and then explain why the		
author has used it and what effect it may have		
Section B: Creative Writing	5	
Use a picture as inspiration for a creative story		
Write in a way which is imaginative and engaging for my		
reader		
Organise my writing into paragraphs		
Accurately use a range of punctuation, including		
exclamation marks, semi-colons, question marks and		
ellipses		
Use a high level of vocabulary		
Spell common and irregular words accurately		
Use language features to enhance my creative wring,		
such as similes, metaphors, personification, rhetorical		
questions and alliteration		