



## Summer Bridging Work

Subject: English

Year: 8 (Year 9 Sept 2021)

**Topic/Title of what the students will be studying in September for the first half term:**  
Gothic fiction, followed by bildungsroman (*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte)

**Suggested background reading that will help them to understand the context of the topic to be studied:**

- Summaries of *Frankenstein*, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and *The Woman in Black* at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zybytrd>
- Study Guide on *Frankenstein* (Chapters 2,3, 4 and 11 only)  
<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/frankenstein>
- Study Guide on *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (Chapters 4 and 9 only)  
<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde>
- Study guide on *Jane Eyre* <https://www.litcharts.com/lit/jane-eyre>

**Relevant films/videos to watch:**

- Gothic film clips at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/spine-chillers-and-suspense-a-timeline-of-gothic-fiction/zvr9vk7>
- Plot summary of *Jane Eyre* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JBAivTU1vw>
- Analysis of *Jane Eyre* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsGS1WTf8ag>
- *Jane Eyre* (2011 film version)

**Activity to undertake:**

- Activities related to Gothic literature on Word document.
- All English staff to upload to current Google Classrooms.

### Part 1: Traditional Gothic Fiction

Read extract from *Kids Britannica* and answer questions about the origins and conventions of Gothic fiction.

### Part 2: Moving from Traditional Gothic Fiction to Later Gothic Fiction

- **Task A:** Read extracts from the website and complete the chart to show which statements apply to the three texts: *Frankenstein*, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and *The Woman in Black*.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zybytrd>
- **Task B:** Watch the film clips from the website on *The Castle of Otranto*, *Frankenstein* and *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and answer the questions. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/spine-chillers-and-suspense-a-timeline-of-gothic-fiction/zvr9vk7> and answer the questions



### Part 3: Vocabulary

Learn the key words and their definitions for studying Gothic fiction for a test in September.