

# English Resources

## General

### **Ask Oxford:**

A useful reference site on English grammar and usage. You can find out about collective nouns, adjectives and the like and find quotations. There is advice on improving writing. You can ask the Oxford experts on language related problems. Suitable for Junior and Leaving Cert levels.

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### **Paradigm writing assistant:**

Self-help tutorials to help you improve your writing techniques. The site explores different genres such as argumentative essays. Quite intensive. Leaving cert level.

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### **Consider the lilies:**

This site focuses on the skills and techniques you need to understand and interpret a novel, using Consider the Lilies by Iain Crichton Smith as our example. However it can be used as a template to interpret any novel you might be studying. All levels.

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### **Film Studies:**

A good selection of resources for both teachers of English and Media studies. There are study guides and downloadable worksheets on a wide range of popular and classic films. They are quite basic but provide a good overall view.

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### **You quote it, you note it!:**

An interactive tutorial which explains what plagiarism is and the proper way to credit authors.

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### **Literature Study guides:**

Decent study guides for many exam text novels, Shakespeare works and poetry from Sparknotes.

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### **University of Victoria Writers Guide:**

Guide to writing essays, paragraphs, sentences and basic grammar, to name but a few of the features of this useful resource.

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## **Junior Cert**

### **Interactive study guide on Romeo and Juliet:**

The interactive folio can be used as a study guide or teaching tool. Read the play, plot synopsis, critical materials, explore Shakespeare's vocabulary. Supported by images, video, audio to help you to understand the script.

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### **To kill a mocking bird:**

Decent study site for this novel.

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### **To Kill a Mocking bird study guide:**

This site has details of plot summary, characters, key issues, major conflicts and morals in the novel.

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### **Revise - To Kill a Mockingbird:**

This is an excellent revision site for students studying To Kill a Mockingbird

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### **Of Mice and Men Survival Guide:**

The site is designed to provide to help your understanding of the text. There is a short synopsis of each chapter, a guide to difficult vocabulary and help with various allusions to historical events, people and locations.

The BBC comes into its own with...<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8q3dmn>

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### **Shakespeare's life and times:**

Well worth visiting if you are studying Shakespeare's life, theatre and society in Renaissance times.

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## **Leaving Cert**

### **The Poetry Archive:**

This includes a range of resources where you will find a wealth of background material on the poets, to help understand the context for their work. There are filmed interviews with some of them, recordings of interviews etc so you can see and hear them giving the inside story on their writing lives.

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### **Leaving Certificate English by Evelyn O Connor:**

This website has great online resources for Leaving Certificate English students.

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### **Andrew Moore's teaching resource site:**

Comprehensive portal for English resource

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### **Revising Macbeth:**

Interactive activities revising characterisation, themes and key events of Shakespeare's Macbeth, in preparation for English GCSE exams and coursework questions. There are accompanying teachers' notes.

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### **Macbeth at Glance:**

Does exactly what it says on the tin! Indication

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### **Enjoying Macbeth:**

Great information from Ed Friedlander

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### **Macbeth Prose Adaptation:**

A wonderful resource, this site presents the original text of Macbeth alongside a corresponding 'translation' of the play in modern English. The entire play is 'translated' into easily understandable modern English and the site provides a very intuitive method of navigating to any location in the play. Highly recommended!

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### **Revise Macbeth:**

This is an excellent revision site for Macbeth including useful tips on how to answer questions.

### **Revise Macbeth Quotes:**

Sound bites each explaining an important quote.

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**Enjoying King Lear:**

Great information and great links.

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**Enjoying Hamlet:**

Great information and great links.

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**First World War Digital Poetry Archive:**

This site has over 4000 items of text, images, audio, and video for teaching, learning, and research dealing with the major poets of the period. Check out the education area which has superb resources to support learning.

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