

## 8. Year 11 Subjects 2011 (English)

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### VCE Literature Units 1&2

This Unit 1 and 2 sequence can be taken as an English option. Alternatively the study of both Literature and English can be chosen in Years 11 and 12.

The study of Literature is based on the premise that meaning is derived from the relationship between the text, the context in which it was produced, and the experiences of life and literature the reader brings to the texts. The study of literature encourages independent and critical thinking in students' analytical and creative response to texts.

#### Unit 1:

##### *Areas of study:*

This unit focuses on development and enjoyment of a wide range of literary texts. It has a distinctive focus on texts being valued for their use of language to recreate and interpret experience imaginatively. The three main areas of study are:

1. Readers and their responses - in this area of study students explore the relationship between their response and the ways texts represent human experience.
2. Ideas and concerns in texts - this area of study focuses on the ideas and concerns raised in texts and the ways in which social and cultural contexts are represented.
3. Interpreting non-print texts - this area of study focuses on making meaning from non-print texts and how they represent a point of view. Students consider how the viewer is positioned and, where appropriate, interpret the text's use of visual images, speech or silence and sound effects.

##### *Assessment:*

There are three Outcomes:

- Text Response (a creative and critical response on the concerns and ideas of individuals and groups in society),
- Creative Response (an analysis of a fictional film), and a
- Comparative Essay (a comparison between a novel and film).

##### *Assessment Break-Down:*

Assessment tasks for this unit may include:

- an essay (comparative, interpretive, analytical or discursive); a debate; journal entries; close analysis of selected passages; an original piece of writing responding to a text(s) studied; oral or written review; a multimedia presentation; participation in an online discussion; performance and commentary.
- At least one of the assessment tasks in Unit 1 must be in written form.
- There is an End of Semester Examination.

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### VCE Literature Units 1&2 (Cont...)

#### Unit 2:

##### *Areas of study:*

This unit focuses on developing reading strategies and personal responses to literature, and to an understanding of how themes and ideas in texts relate to personal and social experiences. In this unit students deepen their understanding of their response to aspects of texts such as the style of narrative, the characters, the language and structure of the text. This unit provides an excellent grounding and progression for Units 3 and 4.

##### *Assessment:*

There are two Outcomes which allow for imagination and creating of original compositions related to the studied text and the development and skill to interpret significant passages also from the studied texts. These are:

- Outcome 1 - Students should be able to analyse and respond both critically and creatively to the ways a text from a past era reflects or comments on the ideas and concerns of individuals and groups at that time.
- Outcome 2 - Students should be able to produce a comparative piece of interpretative writing with a particular focus; for example, ideas and concerns, form of the text, author, time in history, social or cultural context.

##### *Assessment Break-Down:*

Assessment tasks for this unit may include:

- an essay (comparative, interpretive, analytical or discursive); a debate; journal entries; close analysis of selected passages; an original piece of writing responding to a text(s) studied; oral or written review; a multimedia presentation; participation in an online discussion; performance and commentary.
- At least one of the assessment tasks in Unit 2 must be in written form.
- There is an end-of-Semester Examination.