

2016-2017 Year 12 Literature Holiday Homework

Expectations:

- You are expected to read both *My Brilliant Career* and all the short stories in *The Diary of a Madman, The Government Inspector and Selected Stories* over the Christmas holidays. You are also expected to watch the film version of *My Brilliant Career*. You will be tested on both of these in the first lesson back after the break.
- Your holiday homework is due in your first Literature lesson of 2017.
- Literature teachers are required to inform Senior School of any students who have not completed the homework to a satisfactory standard
- The homework may be typed or handwritten

Purpose:

- You need to have a solid knowledge and understanding of the text before you can develop the kind of thinking that will bring you strong results in your SACs and exam. The thoroughness of your holiday homework directly benefits you.

Equipment

- **Please bring one 48/64-page exercise book to your first Literature class.** All your written SACs will be completed in this exercise book. Your teacher will bring this book to each SAC session.
- Make sure you have a **good quality dictionary**. Cheap or small dictionaries have fewer words and may be useless to you in the exam or your SACs. However, in Literature you are not permitted to use a dictionary in your SACs or the exam.

The importance of your Literature marks:

- Each SAC is marked 2 ways: S or N and a number score. To pass a unit, you must receive an S for each outcome.
- Your study score in English: 50% from your SAC marks and 50% from your exam mark. (The GAT is sometimes also taken into account).
- To receive your VCE, you must pass 3 of the 4 English or Literature units.
- To receive an ATAR score, you must pass units 3 & 4 of English or Literature.
- Your ATAR score: **Your English or Literature study score is the first mark to be put into your ATAR calculations** (whichever is highest) and then the 3 highest study scores are added, plus 10% from each of the next 2 highest study scores
- Many university courses require a minimum score in English or Literature as a prerequisite. Check your VTAC guide.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

TASK 1: *My Brilliant Career* – comprehension questions

1. Describe the different settings in the novel. You must write at least 100 words for each. You must include quotes from the novel.
 - a. Bruggabrong
 - b. Possum Gully
 - c. Caddagat
 - d. Five Bob Downs
 - e. Barney's Gap.
2. How does Sybylla's character develop throughout the novel? To what degree does she elicit any empathy from the reader?

3. Discuss the significance of the following ideas in the novel and provide evidence from the text.
 - a. The Role of Women
 - b. Poverty and Wealth
 - c. Choices made by Dick, Lucy and Sybylla
 - d. Independence
4. How does Franklin depict rural Australia in the 1890s? Provide evidence from the text.
5. How is *My Brilliant Career* relevant to modern society?

TASK 2: *The Diary of a Madman, The Government Inspector and Selected Stories*

To prepare for your creative task on *The Diary of a Madman, The Government Inspector and Selected Stories*, you need to know the style and approach of the author intimately.

Answer the following questions for EACH of the short stories:

1. Who is the narrator in the story? Is it a distinctly male or female voice? How is this relevant?
2. Describe the narrator. Provide 3 pieces of evidence from the text.
3. What type of structure/form is used by the writer?
4. How important is characterization in this story?
5. What are the main settings (e.g. indoors/outdoors, historical/contemporary, city/country, familiar/unfamiliar, local /interstate)?
6. What are the central ideas or concerns in this story?
7. What is your interpretation of the ending of the story?

Don't forget – you will also be given a test on your knowledge of these two texts during the first lesson back. This is important in ascertaining whether or not you have read the texts.