



English

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Students will sit one exam. Students will have 90 minutes in length to complete two questions. The first question is based on their study of *Blood Brothers* where they will answer a question based on the play – they will not be given an extract. They will have the choice of two questions, one will be theme based and the other character. The second question is based on transactional writing which will require them to write either a speech, letter or article in response to a statement they are given.

Topics to be covered in the exam:

Question 1: Reading

- Knowledge of the plot and characters in the play.
- Knowledge, understanding and analysis of key quotations linked to characters/themes
- Identifying and tracking ideas and themes across the play.
- Identifying writers' methods
- Commenting on the effect of writers' methods
- Using subject terminology specific to genre and writers' intent

Question 2: Writing

- Using language and structural techniques for effect
- Using a range of sentence types
- Using narrative structures
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar rules
- Range of vocabulary
- Imitating different styles, genres, and formats of writing
- Knowing the features of different types of form

Resources to help students revise and prepare:

- *Blood Brothers* Revision guide shared on SMHW.
- Class exercise books and subject specific knowledge organisers.
- BBC Bitesize – Non-fiction and transactional writing [Sample task and responses - Non-fiction and transactional writing - Edexcel - GCSE English Language Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Mr Bruff video for technical accuracy [A06: Semi Colons \(the king of punctuation\) - YouTube](#),
- BBC Bitesize Grammar [Grammar - KS3 English - BBC Bitesize](#)