



We are three secondary school English teachers who want to build a free bank of mini-lectures (approx. 15mins) appropriate for 15/16 year olds to support study of GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.

### Why?

- To ensure that GCSE study reflects cutting edge thought within the domain
- To foster a desire in our students to continue study of English beyond GCSE
- To create a high challenge/low threat environment for KS4 students to connect with academic discourse

### How can I help?

We've collated a list of lecture titles based on what we know would help our students. If you or a colleague would be willing to record a 15min lecture – *on your phone is fine* – and then email it to us let us know! @Mrs Spalding @Rebreb89 @Fod3

### Lecture titles

- Getting under the skin of sentences through syntax analysis
- How do writers tell stories? An introduction to narrative methods
- What's in a word? Parsing and the importance of words
- An Inspector Calls in the context of socialist theatre
- From Juliet to Lady Macbeth: Shakespeare's women
- Shakespearean tragedy or 'They all die at the end'
- What next? DNA and modern theatre
- How to engage with racist texts: tackling Empire and Conan Doyle
- Whodunit: 'The Sign of Four' and the development of the detective novel
- The Romantic revolution
- Understanding sonnet form
- Dickens and poverty: literary fiction as social commentary
- The importance of the 'Christmas' in 'A Christmas Carol': Victorian views on the holiday and Christianity
- The Victorian poet from Browning to Rossetti
- Exploring the modern identity in contemporary poetry

*Got another suggestion? We're all ears!*