

# 2015 ~ Year 12 English: Summer Holiday Homework Guide

ALL HOMEWORK IS STRICTLY DUE IN YOUR FIRST LESSON BACK NEXT YEAR

In order for students to make the most of their final year in English, most schools will start the course early. Maribyrnong College is committed to this process and expects that students in Year 12 will be completing homework during the holidays which will prepare them for the challenges ahead. The English faculty takes both transition and holiday homework seriously, expect that students will too.

What follows is a guide as to what you will be expected to complete during the holidays. **These are the basic requirements that we expect ALL students to fulfil.** Students who want to push themselves should go even further, and may look at the extensive list provided on the reverse side of this sheet of extension tasks.

Ultimately, you are now in competition with all other students studying Year 12 English in 2015. Now is the time to begin competing!

You should plan out your holidays carefully to ensure that you have time to relax as well as time to complete the following tasks.



Tasks	Description	Materials Needed	Suggested Time Allocation	Tick when complete
<b>1. Reading and annotating</b>	<p>It is expected that you will read and view all four of your texts. You need to read ACTIVELY. This means THINKING about what you are reading, making notes and underlining quotes.</p> <p><b>Teachers will ask to see annotations for your Unit 3 texts: <i>Cloudstreet</i> and <i>Every Man in this Village is a Liar</i> in the first lesson back. Use the handout on how to annotate for tips on what you should be looking for when reading each text.</b></p> <p>Students who have not completed this will be asked to stay after school a few nights each week for reading catch up sessions.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Keep a dictionary by your side at all times when reading, so that you can look up and annotate words that you don't understand.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 1 – Reading and Responding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Cloudstreet</i></li> <li>- <i>White Tiger</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome 2 – Creating and Presenting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Everyman in this Village is a Liar</i></li> <li>- <i>A Separation</i></li> </ul> <p>- Annotation guides</p>	<p>25-30 hours</p> <p>This might sound like a lot, but if you spread it out in 30 minute or 1 hour sessions across the holidays, it IS achievable.</p>	
<b>2. <i>Cloudstreet</i> Insight Qs</b>	Complete all set questions on the novel. Make sure this is done on loose-leaf paper so that you can submit it to your teacher on the first day back.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Cloudstreet</i></li> <li>- Loose-leaf paper</li> </ul>	2 – 3 hours	
<b>3. Language Analysis</b>	Complete a language analysis essay using the 2013 VCAA English exam paper.	Copy of the 2013 Section C Exam piece and lined paper	1.5 hours	

**Extension Tasks – Optional (but HIGHLY recommended, especially for students who wish to get a study score over 30)**

- ✓ Spend some time reflecting on Year 11 English. What went well? What do you want to improve? Set yourself some clear goals of what you want to achieve this year. You could look over past SACs and make lists of the things that you want to improve. What strategies will you use to make improvements a reality?

- ✓ Read the newspapers (a range, not just the Herald Sun) and especially the Comment and Debate sections on a regular basis. Watch ABC or SBS news regularly. Watch other current affairs programs (especially quality ones on ABC or SBS) that help to broaden your knowledge of issues. Many programs can be watched via iView or you can download podcasts of these (e.g Q & A, Foreign Correspondent, Insight, The 7:30 Report etc.) All of these things will help you to become familiar with current issues which you could see on a SAC or on the Year 12 English exam.
- ✓ Practise writing! Your exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long! Just like a marathon runner needs to train over a long period to be able to run the 42km, you'll need to train to be able to comfortably write for 3 hours. You could write a summer holiday journal. You could write some essays on your Year 12 texts. You could write some context pieces. Choose a writing task that you will enjoy and WRITE!
- ✓ Revise and memorise persuasive language techniques. Develop a comprehensive list of tone words and learn them from memory.
- ✓ In addition to your set texts, read widely. Borrow some good books from the library (school or public). Read some short stories, some poems, some novels or some biographies. Read the Saturday Age, especially the A2 section. There are some great examples of good writing there! It might give you ideas for your own context writing! Read, read, READ!
- ✓ Create your own study guide of notes for your text-response texts (*Cloudstreet* and *The White Tiger*). Make notes on characters, themes, setting, symbols, structure and style. Use online study guides and other online resources (Eg. Spark-notes, Cliffnotes). Remember to always paraphrase ideas (put them in your own words) as it is a MUCH better way to actually learn what you are reading about. Start making lists of important quotes and start remembering them! Hey, why not even have a go at writing an essay? Again, Year 12 teachers will be happy to correct these and give you feedback.

Your Year 12 English teacher will do everything they possibly can to help you to achieve your personal best. However, ultimately, it is up to **YOU** to make Year 12 English a success. Getting a head start in the summer holidays is a REALLY good move, as once the year starts, you will be busy, busy, busy. Busy like you have never been before! Make your life easier and START NOW!

**Year 12 English is not a walk in the park. GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.**

