Top tips on how to revise for English Language

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| **Paper 1- Explorations in creative writing and reading** |
| Q1/ List 4 things… |
| Q2/ How does the writer use language to convey… |
| Q3/ How does the writer use structure to interest the reader? |
| Q4/ Statement about the text  To what extent do you agree? |
| Q5/ Write a description or narrative.  Choice of image or task. |

**A sample of the fiction recommended reading list**

* *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
* *Lord of the flies* by William Golding
* *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
* *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
* *The Great Gatsby* by F.Scott Fitzgerald
* *The Woman in Black* by Susan Hill
* *Brighton Rock* by Graham Green

**These are just a few of the books that could help you prepare for the exam. They can be found in the library or in the cupboard in English room 1. Just ask Miss Buttercase to borrow one.**

**Paper One**

**Pick a challenging extract from a novel. See the list of suggestions on the other sheet.**

* **List four pieces of information you find about a character or setting in one paragraph (Q1):**
* **Look at how the writer uses language to describe a character or setting by (Q2);**
* Highlighting and identifying descriptive techniques e.g. simile, metaphor etc.
* Think about the effect that technique has on you, the reader
* Is there more than one way it could be interpreted?
* **Look at the structure of the extract (Q3);**
* How does it start?
* Where is the turning point?
* How does it maintain interest?
* How does it end?
* Who is speaking? How does this affect the structure of the text?
* **Does it create a strong impression upon you? If so, what? (Q4);**
* Find examples of language that support this impression
* Identify the technique used/ word class/ structural feature
* Explain why it has this effect
* **Find an image. How could you use this image for a story? How could you use it for a description? (Q5);**
* Do two different plans, one for each idea
* Plan the powerful vocabulary you would use ( use a thesaurus)
* Write a paragraph- did you use a variety of punctuation? Sentence types? Techniques? Correct spellings? Tick them off as you see them. Could you add more?