

2018 English Literature

Induction task

You will need to purchase a copy of *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James.

The novella is only 87 pages long but the language is challenging and dense, so you might need to read it twice before attempting the essay task.

After reading the text, write an **800 word response** to the following:

Explore Henry James' presentation of the governess in *The Turn of the Screw*.

We are looking for:

- Concise, formal writing, with correct use of literary terminology
- Accurate identification of craft (form, language and structure)
- Thoughtful analysis of the effect of craft choices
- Thoughtful engagement with effect on the reader
- Engagement with ideas and writer's purpose
- Some reference to context: social or literary. **For this, you will need to do some wider reading/research on when the novel was written**

You must bring your essay and your copy of *The Turn of the Screw* to your first lesson in September.

Preparation for September

1. Purchase the specified editions of **all** of your set texts – see attached sheet.
2. Two weeks after beginning the course in September, you will begin your study of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*.

Make sure that you have **read *Frankenstein*** by the beginning of September.
Do not leave it until the weekend before you are due to start studying it in class.

3. Bring your edition of *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry* to your first lesson, along with *The Turn of the Screw*.