



Useful websites to help you with English Literature

- Spend some time each day you're set work, doing some independent study too. There is a wealth of resources to help: we've listed effective websites below. Make sure you've looked at these websites by the end of each module, and collected some useful information to help you as you study your modules. Put your findings in a folder labelled "Independent study" and the name of the module so it will help you later too.

<u>Website</u>	<u>Why it's useful</u>
No fear Shakespeare (Spark notes)	Brilliant for the original Shakespeare play next to a modern translation to help you understand.
York Notes	Useful to look at the revision cards amongst other useful aspects such as structure and context.
SENECA (Sign up if you haven't already, it's free)	Interactive quizzes to improve your knowledge.
Cliffs Notes	Summary and analysis of each scene and lots of other information to help
Lit Charts	Particularly great for analysing in detail the deeper themes and symbols among other elements.
BBC Bitesize English Literature AQA Then put the name of your topic	Fantastic for help with revision. Read through the different pages to complete the "Revise" section, watch the "Video" then "Test" yourself with a quiz. You can do this for many areas of your text.
RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) Search for Romeo and Juliet	Outstanding website divided into /story/ characters/Language /Staging/. For example, click on "story" then a particular scene to find out what happens in a single paragraph. You can also watch clips of the play being performed. For example, click on language, then key scenes and watch the director talking to the actors about specific scenes. Click on language, key terms and find out what specific vocabulary words mean by watching the videos, learn about characters etc, the list is endless....
The Globe (Shakespeare's Globe Theatre-London)	Brilliant website: click on discover, scroll down to Blogs and features, and then discover more. Read Blogs written about the play or take a virtual tour of the Globe theatre re-built in London to get a taste of what life was like in the theatre. A full performance of "Romeo and Juliet" will take place on the website on 20 th April at 19.00. Hopefully it will still be on after, for you to watch at a later date. It's great to watch different interpretations of the play.
Shmoop (Developed by students at Harvard University)	A very useful website written by students for students-there's a handy section with key quotes in for example, linked to specific themes, the quotes are also explained to help you understand too.

These literature websites are useful for most of your literature set texts. If you know any useful websites to help and why they're useful, please let us know and we can add them to this list too.