

Preparing for the your English Literature GCSE

Below are key quotes from all of the texts you will be assessed on at GCSE. We have only selected quotations from 6 out of the possible 15 poems.

Aiming high? Use your anthology to identify key quotes from the remaining 9 poems to learn in addition to those below.

An Inspector Calls

J.B.Priestley

1. 'Perhaps we may look forward to the time when Crofts and Birlings are no longer competing but are working together.' *Mr Birling, Act One*
2. 'We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other.' *Inspector, Act Three*
3. 'Yes, she was in great agony. They did everything they could for her at the infirmary, but she died.' *Inspector, Act One*
4. 'She was young and pretty and warm-hearted – and intensely grateful.' *Gerald, Act Two*
5. 'I like a good cigar. (Indicating decanter.) Help yourself.' *Mr Birling, Act One*
6. 'Oh – it's wonderful! Look – Mummy – isn't it a beauty?' *Sheila, Act One*
7. 'I began talking to her, and stood her a few drinks.' *Eric, Act Three*
8. 'Oh – she had some fancy reason. As if a girl of that sort would ever refuse money!' *Mrs Birling, Act Two.*
9. 'New York in five days – and every luxury – and unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable.' *Mr Birling, Act One*
10. 'She was the right type for it, just as I was the wrong type.' *Sheila, Act One.*

<p>Romeo and Juliet Shakespeare</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. "I ne'er saw true beauty till this night." 12. "With love's light wings did I o'erperch these walls" 13. "O, I am fortune's fool!" 14. "My only love sprung from my only hate!" 15. "Tis but thy name that is my enemy." 16. "Happy dagger, this is thy sheath; there rust and let me die." 17. "I think she will be ruled in all respects by me." 18. "Hang, beg, starve, die in the streets" 19. "I would the fool were married to her grave" 20. "A plague on both your houses!"
<p>A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. "I wear the chain I forged in life, replied the ghost." <i>Stave One</i> 22. "A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still." <i>Stave Two</i> 23. "'If they would rather die' said Scrooge 'they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.'" <i>Stave One</i> 24. "Scrooge had a very small fire, but the clerk's fire was so very much smaller." <i>Stave One</i> 25. "'Yo ho, my boys' said Fezziwig. 'No more work tonight. Christmas Eve...'" <i>Stave Two</i> 26. "If these shadows remain unaltered by the future, the child will die." <i>Stave Three</i> 27. "'Hard and sharp as flint...solitary as an oyster.'" <i>Stave One</i> 28. "Spirit! He cried, tight clutching at it's robe, 'hear me! I am not the man I was.'" <i>Stave Four</i> 29. "He carried his own low temperature always about with him." <i>Stave One</i> 30. "God bless us, every one.'" <i>Stave Five</i>

<p><i>Charge of the Light Brigade</i> A.Tennyson</p>	<p>31. "Was there a man dismayed?" 32. "Theirs but to do or die." 33. "All in the Valley of Death, Rode the six hundred" 34. "When can their glory fade?" 35. "Noble six hundred."</p>
<p><i>Remains</i> S.Armitage</p>	<p>36. "His bloody shadow" 37. "Probably armed, possibly not" 38. "All three of us open fire" 39. "Rips through his life" 40. "Tosses his guts back into his body"</p>
<p><i>War Photographer</i> C.A.Duffy</p>	<p>41. "Spools of Suffering" 42. "Preparing to intone a Mass" 43. "The only light is red and softly glows" 44. "All flesh is grass" 45. "Ordinary pain which simple weather can dispel." 46. "Which don't explode beneath the feet of running children"</p>
<p><i>Prelude</i> William Wordsworth</p>	<p>47. "Led by her" 48. "It was an act of stealth and troubled pleasure" 49. "The grim shape towered up between me and the stars" 50. "With trembling oars I turned"</p>
<p><i>London</i> William Blake</p>	<p>51. "Near where the chartered Thames doth flow" 52. "Marks of weakness, marks of woe" 53. "Mind-forged manacles"</p>

	54. "Blights with plagues the marriage hearse"
Checking Out Me History John Agard	55. Dem tell me wah dem want to tell me" 56. "Blind me to me own identity" 57. "Nanny de Maroon" 58. "Dem tell bout 1066 and all dat"