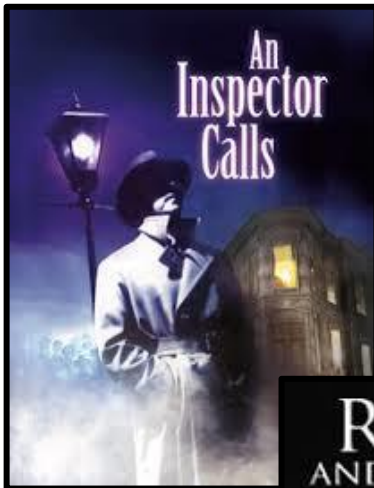


Year 9

Research

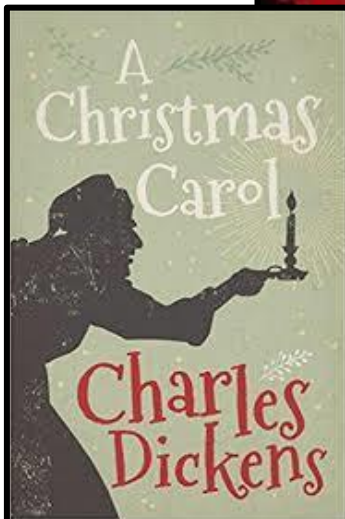
Project



Name:

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Class



The Research Project

Your task is to research into the life of one of the following authors: Shakespeare, Dickens or Priestley; you need to find out:

- Key information about your chosen authors
- The time in which they were working - what era and what was it like during that time
- Key texts and what influenced their writing and the effect this had on the texts you will be studying at GCSE

Assessment

- You will have the opportunity to present your research in whatever form you like. You can create a PowerPoint, a video, a drama performance, a poem and/or a poster; you can work in pairs or groups of three if you like.
- You need to confirm your form of presentation with your teacher
- You can be as creative (or as boring) as you like.

Success Criteria

Warm: You show some understanding of the writer's/playwright's ideas and how they link to the text; you also have some understanding of the background of the novel/play.

Hot: You show a clear understanding of the writer's/playwright's ideas and how they link to the text; you also have a clear understanding of the background of the novel/play.

Scorching: You show thoughtful consideration of the writer's/playwright's ideas and how these are woven into the novel/play; you also have a developed understanding of the background of the book.

Places to Research

Do not use Wikipedia and do not just copy and paste

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zxqncwx>

<http://www.jbpriestleysociety.com/biography-3/>

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<https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeares-life-and-times>

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The Writers



William Shakespeare (26th April 1564-23rd April 1616)

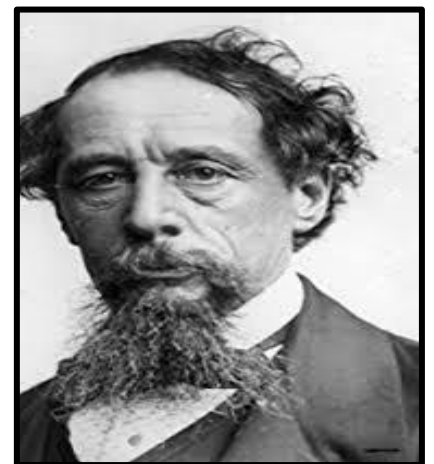
Born in Stratford upon Avon. Shakespeare wrote 39 plays, 154 sonnets and 2 long narrative poems. He was married to Anne Hathaway and had three children Susanna and twins Hamnet and Judith.

Some of his key texts are Macbeth, Othello, The Merchant of Venice, Twelfth Night and the text you are studying at GCSE 'Romeo and Juliet'

Charles Dickens (7th February 1812-9th June 1870)

Born in Portsmouth, Dickens left school at a young age as his father was sent to a debtor's prison. He edited a weekly journal for 20 years, wrote 15 novels, 5 novellas and hundreds of short stories and non-fiction articles

Some of his key texts are Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, David Copperfield and the text you are studying at GCSE 'A Christmas Carol'



JB Priestley (13th September 1894-14th August 1984)

Born in Yorkshire Priestley was a staunch socialist that broadcast a series of propaganda radio shows during the war; his programme was eventually cancelled by the BBC for being too critical of the government

Some of his key texts are The Good Companions, English Journey, Angel Pavement and the text you are studying at GCSE An Inspector Calls



