

## Critical Study of Selected Poems by WH Auden Unit of Work

(NSW English Stage 6 Syllabus for the Australian curriculum: Advanced - Year 11)

Unit overview and lessons based on a critical study of selected poems by WH Auden, including analysis of context, content, language and key ideas and concepts

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Unit of work:	Critical Study of Selected Poems by WH Auden	Year:	11 (Stage 6)
Duration:	6 weeks	Assessment:	Critical Study of Literature essay
Concepts:	Critical Study of Literature Representation	Module:	Critical Study of Literature

Learning experiences: reading, writing, viewing, listening, creating

## Links to other learning areas:

History

## General capabilities:

- Literacy
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social competence

## Other learning across the curriculum areas:

- Civics and citizenship
- Difference and diversity



Essential Learning Goal	Overarching Questions	Key Learning Ideas
To explore, analyse and evaluate how selected poems by WH Auden represent power, authority and the role of the individual.	<ul> <li>How do texts represent ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual?</li> <li>How do texts explore the relationship between social purpose and form?</li> <li>How are political perspectives, ideas, events or situations expressed in texts?</li> <li>What are the impacts of politics acts on individual lives and society?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Power, authority and the role of the individual</li> <li>The relationship between social purpose and form</li> <li>Personal responses to a critical study of literature</li> <li>Perspectives and key ideas in WH Auden's poetry</li> </ul>

## **Unit Focus/Rationale**

Throughout their critical study of selected poems by WH Auden, students consider how the elements of the text work together as a whole to create textual integrity. The unit begins by introducing students to the rubric (language) of the syllabus and connects these to the selected poems by WH Auden. Students will develop informed personal responses about issues of representation and analyse the relationship between social purpose and form. Students will consider Auden's personal context, key concepts such as power, authority and the role of the individual. Students will analyse how texts represent individual, shared or competing political perspectives, ideas, events or situations and analyse the impact political acts like 'writing' may have on individual lives or society more broadly. Other elements such as structure, key ideas and concepts are also addressed. Students will develop their thesis about this and make judgments about how medium of production, textual form and choice of language shape meaning and influence perspectives. Students will also develop skills in writing an essay that explores a critical study of literature.

Students have the opportunity to learn about:

- critically studying a text
- meaning of textual integrity
- WH Auden's theoretical influences



- WH Auden's personal context and how this has influenced his work
- distinct qualities of the text in terms of construction, content and language
- critically and imaginatively explore distinctive qualities and ideas explored in WH Auden's poetry.

Students have the opportunity to learn to:

- prepare for final examinations
- analyse how the selected poems by WH Auden work together as a whole to represent textual integrity
- practise identifying theoretical influences in WH Auden's poetry
- practise answering examination style questions.

#### Resources

From S. Smith, The Cambridge Companion to Auden, Cambridge University Press, 2005:

- Nicholas Jennings, 'Auden in America'
- Ian Sansom, 'Auden and influence'
- 'Richard Davenport-Hines, Auden's life and character'
- Patrick Deane, 'Auden's England'
- Edward Mendelson, 'The European Auden'
- Stan Smith, 'Auden's light and serio-comic verse'
- Peter Porter, 'Auden's language and style'
- John Lucas, 'Auden's politics: power, authority and the individual'
- Rod Mengham, 'Auden, psychology and society'
- Gareth Reeves, 'Auden and Religion'
- Paola Marchett, 'Auden's landscapes'
- Rainer Emig, 'Auden and ecology'
  - Alison Flood, 'Unseen WH Auden diary sheds light on famous poem and personal life', *The Guardian*, 26/6/2013.

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/jun/26/auden-diary-bought-british-library



#### **Additional texts**

• New York Times, September 1, 1939

http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/big/0901.html

- Boat people image: www.boat-people.org
- Orwell, George, 'Notes on Nationalism', Polemic London, 1945

http://orwell.ru/library/essays/nationalism/english/e\_nat

Formative Assessment	Summative Assessment
Deconstruction of two poems	A Critical Study of Literature essay
Essay paragraphs	
Essay plan	



## NSW English Advanced Stage 6 Syllabus: Preliminary (Year 11) – Objectives, Outcomes & Content Descriptions

Source: NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), NSW Syllabus for the Australian curriculum: Advanced Stage 6, April 2017, pp.30-38

HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Objectives	HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Outcomes	Content Statements	HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Content Descriptions
Objective A Through responding to and composing a wide range of texts and through the close study of texts, students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in order to	Outcome 1 A student: > responds to,     composes and     evaluates     complex texts     for     understanding,     interpretation,     critical analysis,     imaginative     expression and	Engage personally with texts  Develop and apply contextual knowledge  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features	<ul> <li>explain the relationship between responder, composer, text and context</li> <li>appreciate the aesthetic qualities of texts and the power of language to express personal ideas and experiences</li> <li>explain the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts of composing and responding, and evaluate how these contexts impact on meaning</li> <li>analyse and explain how and why texts influence and position readers and viewers (ACEEN040)</li> <li>analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)</li> <li>explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes</li> </ul>



communicate through speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing.	pleasure EA11- 1	Respond to and compose texts	<ul> <li>develop independent interpretations of texts supported by informed observation and close textual analysis (ACELR045)</li> <li>compose texts that integrate elements of form, personal style, language and content for a variety of audiences and purposes</li> </ul>
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HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Objectives	HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Outcomes	Content Statements	HSC Preliminary English (Advanced) Content Descriptions
Objective B Through responding to and composing a wide range of texts and through the close study of texts, students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in order to use language to shape and make meaning according to purpose, audience and context.	Outcome 3  A student:  analyses and uses language forms, features and structures of texts considering appropriatenes s for specific purposes, audiences and contexts and evaluates their effects on meaning EA11- 3	Engage personally with texts  Develop and apply contextual knowledge  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  Respond to and compose texts	<ul> <li>engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning ** * *</li> <li>investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions (ACELR002) ** * *</li> <li>explain the effect of language choices in different personal, social and cultural contexts and how these choices influence meaning * * *</li> <li>explain how changes in context influence responses to particular language choices in texts * * *</li> <li>use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity * * * * *</li> <li>use appropriate linguistic, stylistic, critical and creative terminology to compose and respond to texts (ACELR012)</li> <li>use accurate spelling, punctuation, syntax and metalanguage in complex creative and critical texts (ACEEN017) *</li> <li>experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences</li> </ul>



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OUTCOME 1 Signif	<b>nificance</b> ckground	A a a a a a manutata a la	
restadenti responds to,	owledge	Assessment task  a) It is recommended that students are given the assessment task notification and marking sheet at the beginning of the unit.  b) Read and explain the assessment task and marking sheet with the class. The task and criteria for marking are outlined below.  The task  Write a critical essay for the following question:  Explore how WH Auden's poetry represents ideas about society and its values in unique and evocative ways.  In your response, make detailed reference to your prescribed text.  The prescribed text is:  Poetry – Selected Poems by WH Auden  'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'  'Spain'  'Epitaph on a Tyrant'  'In Memory of W.B. Yeats'  'September 1, 1939'  'The Unknown Citizen'  'The Shield of Achilles'.	Introduction to a Critical Study of Literature worksheet



Marking criteria
In your answer you will be assessed on how well you:
demonstrate an informed understanding of the ideas expressed in
the text
evaluate the text's distinctive language and stylistic qualities
organise, develop and express ideas using language appropriate
to audience, purpose and form.



Content descriptions	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
OUTCOME 3:  Engage personally with text  • engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning  • investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions.  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity  OUTCOME 7:  Respond to and compose texts	Significance Background knowledge	Section 1: Introduction to a Critical Study of Literature  Overview  The prescribed poems are:  'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'  'Spain'  'Epitaph on a Tyrant'  In Memory of W.B. Yeats'  'September 1, 1939'  'The Unknown Citizen'  The Shield of Achilles'.  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about the rationale for the approach to this unit.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. Read the relevant syllabus carefully.  ii. Choose three statements from the syllabus that stand out to you as being significant. Complete the following task:  a) Write these statements down. These may form the basis for your thesis about a critical study of WH Auden's Poetry.		Introduction to a Critical Study of Literature worksheet
texts		b) Write what you think these statements mean to you.		



<ul> <li>analyse how and</li> </ul>			
why perspectives			
are represented			
differently in a			
range of complex			
texts			
<ul> <li>compose creative</li> </ul>			
and critical texts			
that reflect			
particular values			
and perspectives,			
including their own			



Content descriptions	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
OUTCOME 3: Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge  Significance Background knowledge Cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Auden's poetry</li> <li>Guidance <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about how Auden's poetry.</li> <li>Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> </ol> </li> <li>Exercise <ol> <li>Refer to notes from the Marking Centre for your exams from last year. Pay careful attention to the characteristics of best responses. <ol> <li>Consider what is deemed valuable by the Marking Centre.</li> <li>Write notes about the key characteristics that are significant for you when you write your essay.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>		Auden's Poetry worksheet



	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
Engage personally with texts  engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Problematic knowledge Higher-order thinking Metalanguage Substantive communication	<ol> <li>Auden as a Critical Study of Literature</li> <li>Guidance         <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about Auden as a Critical Study of Literature.</li> <li>Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> </ol> </li> <li>Exercise         <ol> <li>What observations can you make about how Auden's poetry fits into the syllabus requirements?</li> <li>Read 'Introduction' (Smith) from The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden and compose an extended response to one of the following questions or quotes.</li> <li>'Kistein was right to link the moral and political positions to a stylistic one. Auden's use of pastiche and parody, his sleeping around with poetic forms and his plagiarising of other poets' voices, constitute a deliberate assault on the idea of the autonomous authentic self, speaking with its own unique accents.' Comment on this quote.</li> <li>How does Auden imply that 'the discourses which shape our identity are impermanent (and) continually shifting'?</li> <li>Reference Auden's 'borrowing' and how this reflects his interests.</li> <li>Comment: 'Auden remained a far-sighted and radical witness'.</li> <li>Comment on the utility of poetry as a medium for representing society's values.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		Auden as a Critical Study of Literature worksheet



• understand that texts offer vicarious experiences of the wider world for critical reflection and pleasure (ACELR015)

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

- analyse the diverse ways in which imaginative, informative and persuasive texts can explore human experience, universal themes and social, cultural and historical contexts
- evaluate how language choices confirm or challenge personal, social and cultural identity, and recognise how they influence how a text is valued.

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## **Diversity of Learners**

To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:

#### **Extension**

- i. Read 'Auden's English: language and style' (Porter) from The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden and compose an extended response to one of the following questions:
- a) Auden's work is impossible to categorise by style or focus. To what extent do you agree? Include specific references to one of the poems set for study and the details of this chapter.
- b) A mastery of language and commitment to having a voice are at the heart of Auden's successes in poetry. Write a critical response. You should discuss one poem from the prescribed text and closely refer to the chapter in an extended critical response.
- ii. These two readings, above, introduce Auden and his language and style. What did you notice when you reflect on both of them together?



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Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • explain the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts of composing and responding, and evaluate how these contexts impact on meaning  • analyse and explain how and why texts influence and position readers and viewers  (ACEEN040)  Respond to and compose texts  • develop independent interpretations of texts supported by informed observation and close textual analysis (ACELR045)  OUTCOME 3:  Develop and apply contextual knowledge	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Problematic knowledge Higher-order thinking Metalanguage Substantive communication	Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about various essays on Auden and his poetry.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  Key questions  When you read the two essays by critics below, answer the following questions:  1. What perspectives about the selected poems by Auden are offered in each reading?  Consider:  • the thesis or argument being developed about Auden's poetry  • your interpretation and perspective on the writer's reading of Auden's poetry.  2. What are the contextual shaping elements identified in the reading?  Consider the social, literary, cultural and historical contexts represented.  3. What textual references are made in the reading to exemplify these contextual shaping elements?  Consider:		Essays on Auden and his poetry worksheet  Essays from The Cambridge Companion to Auden: 'Auden in America' - Nicholas Jennings 'Auden and influence' - lan Sansom
		Consider.		



 explain the effect of language choices in different personal, social and cultural contexts and how these choices influence meaning

#### Engage personally with texts

- engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning
- investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Develop and apply contextual knowledge

 investigate and explain how composers

 (authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers and so on) draw on cultural, textual and linguistic resources to represent particular perspectives in texts

- the way the text is constructed through textual references to context
- the effects of social, cultural and historical context on the construction of the text and the way it is received by the audience.

# 4. What 'questions of value' does the writer suggest are explored in the selected poems by Auden?

#### Consider:

- the questions of value that are asked
- the effects of these questions on aspects of texts
- the reason why the composer deems the 'questions of value' worth asking
- the ways that changes in context lead to changed values reflected in texts.

## 5. How does the writer's perspective give you an insight into the integrity of the selected poems by Auden?

#### Consider:

- how the text is coherent in its form and language to create an integrated whole in terms of its meaning and value.
- i. Read the following essays from *The Cambridge Companion to Auden*:
  - 'Auden in America' Nicholas Jennings
  - 'Auden and influence' Ian Sansom.



These are useful essays to find out more about Auden's background and influences. They are also referred to again in Section 2.

ii. Answer the questions above in detail for each reading.

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#### **Extension**

i. Using your notes and the readings, write three analytical paragraphs discussing the various perspectives. Include your own perspective on Auden's poetry in these paragraphs.



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Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • explain the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts of composing and responding, and evaluate how these contexts impact on meaning	Intellectual quality Deep understanding	Section 2: Personal context of WH Auden Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about Auden's personal context.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below: Exercise  Now that you have read about Auden, write down three key ideas about him that interest you.		Placing Auden's poems in context worksheet http://www. biography.c om/people/ wh-auden- 9192132#sy nopsis http://www.n otablebiogra phies.com/A n-Ba/Auden- W-H.html



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Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • explain the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts of composing and responding, and evaluate how these contexts impact on meaning and position readers and viewers (ACEEN040)  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language forms and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  Outcome 3:  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features	Exercise  Exercise		A timeline of Auden's life worksheet



<ul> <li>use appropriate language for making</li> </ul>	i. How do the ideas explored in Auden's poetry shape your understanding of the world around you?	
connections, questioning, affirming,	ii. How does what you have learned about Auden help you to understand his poetry?	
challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity	iii. How might Auden's understanding of society shape his understanding of the world around him?	
OUTCOME 7:	iv. How does Auden's personal knowledge of American and English	
Develop and apply contextual knowledge	v. From a personal context, how do the ideas communicated in	
<ul> <li>investigate and explain how composers</li> </ul>	Auden's poetry impact on or shape your ideas and understanding of society? Explain your response.	
(authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers		
and so on) draw on cultural, textual and		



linguistic resources to represent particular perspectives in

texts

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purposes and audiences

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

> understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of view

Outcome 7: Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

analyse the diverse ways in which imaginative, informative and persuasive texts can explore human experience, universal themes and social, cultural and historical contexts

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Did you find out some of the following?

- It was originated by the Situationist International group of intellectuals, artists, students, film-makers who took part in the nearly successful revolution in Paris 1968.
- The word 'detournement' was translated from French into English meaning 'diversion' and was the method of artistic creation used by the Situationists as a form of subversion.
- v. Look at the original image with the text 'boat people' at the bottom. Answer the questions below.
- a) What is the rebranding of the term 'boat people' saying to you?
- b) Annotate the boat people poster above with ideas about how concepts are represented.
- c) Summarise how this text informs you about the key ideas and concepts in the poem.

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#### **Extension**

- i. Complete the following questions:
- a) How does this text represent political perspectives, ideas or events?
- b) How does this text represent political motivations and actions?
- c) How does this text explore the impact political acts may have on individual lives or society?



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OUTCOME 7:  Engage personally with texts  understand that texts offer vicarious experiences of the		3. Ask students to complete the exercise below: <b>Exercise</b>		(Lucas) from The Cambridge Companion



wider world for critical reflection and pleasure (ACELR015)  appreciate the different ways in which a text can be valued, for example for its themes, aesthetic qualities or representation of cultures  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  analyse the diverse ways in which imaginative, informative and persuasive texts can explore human experience, universal themes	<ul> <li>have been given to get and 'constructive and 'constructive interest in psychological preparatory schological preparatory schological preparatory schological preparatory.</li> <li>Auden entered Constructive interest in psychological preparatory schological preparatory schological preparatory.</li> <li>Auden entered Construction in natural science and economics.</li> <li>ii. Create a table. Choological preparation of its important in the preparatory schological preparatory in the preparatory in</li></ul>	bout Auden's life and character. A few examples get you started.  as a physician of 'intense intellectual curiosity' humanitarianism'. His father inspired in him an ology, disease and Nordic sagas.  her Isherwood, who became a novelist, in ol - they became lovers and literary  Christ Church, Oxford, in 1925 on a scholarship es, but he transferred to a course in philosophy  see between three and five significant ethem in the table. After each one, write a brief portance in relation to key ideas. You may look atity including sexuality, poetry, tradition,	to WH Auden
and social, cultural and historical contexts	Quotation from the essay	Explanation of the quote's importance	
Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • evaluate how language choices confirm or challenge personal, social and cultural	Quote 1: His poems 'The Watershed' (1927) and 'The Secret Agent' (1928) were the earliest examples of his unique idiom - which sounded cryptic, ambiguous and menacing - that became called 'Audenesque'.	From early in Auden's career as a poet he wrote poems that challenged common ways of thinking. He also developed his own style that was thought provoking and full of hidden meanings.	



identity, and recognise how they

influence how a text is valued 🖐 🌐 📫	ii. Read 'Auden's politics: power, authority and the individual' (Lucas) from <i>The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden</i> . From this reading and the knowledge you have on Auden so far, write down in point form the way you might answer an extended response on one of the following:	
	a) 'But certain of his poems register political feelings more profoundly than any other writings of the 1930s.' Explain Auden's political position during this time.	
	b) 'Throughout the thirties Auden continued to make poems out of his questioning of the private versus public, of individuals versus social desires and forces.' How does Auden's poetry reflect this dichotomy?	



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forms in the composition of	b) 'Auden began to explore the consequences of the belief that
persuasive and	a new kind of world demanded a new kind of poem.'
imaginative texts for	Comment on the utility of poetry as a medium for
a variety of	
purposes and	representing key ideas.
audiences	
Develop and apply contextual	
knowledge	
explain how	
changes in context	
influence responses	
to particular	
language choices in	
texts.	
OUTCOME 7:	
Understand and apply	
knowledge of language forms	
and features	
<ul> <li>evaluate how</li> </ul>	
language choices	
confirm or	
challenge personal,	
social and cultural	
identity, and recognise how they	
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investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions

#### Respond to and compose texts

experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences

#### **Extension**

### **Critical essay**

Search online for a critical essay on Auden's 'September 1939'. As you read the essay, write down key words and phrases. At the end, decide to what extent you agree with the essay.



- Write down five to ten brief dot points summarising the critic's view of the poem.
- From the essay you chose, make notes on the main meanings, language devices and contextual information in relation to the poem. Which points are most relevant to your reading of the poem?





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OUTCOME 1:  Engage personally with texts  • explain the relationship between responder, composer, text and context  OUTCOME 3:  Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • explain the effect of language choices in different personal, social and cultural contexts and how these choices influence meaning	Intellectual quality Deep understanding Metalanguage  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration Connectedness	<ul> <li>An additional text</li> <li>Guidance <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about how additional texts can help understanding of context.</li> <li>Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> </ol> </li> <li>Exercise <ol> <li>Read the copy of the New York Times front page for the date on which the poem is set. See link in resource section.</li> <li>What connections can you make between the headline and 'September 1, 1939'?</li> <li>Annotate a copy of 'September 1, 1939' briefly identifying key ideas and what is being said about society.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		An additional text worksheet  http://www.n ytimes.com/l earning/gen eral/onthisd ay/big/0901. html



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responder, composer, text and context  OUTCOME 7:  Develop and apply contextual knowledge  investigate and explain how composers (authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers and so on) draw on cultural, textual and linguistic resources	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking Substantive communication  Quality learning environment High expectations Social support  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Contemporary influences Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about Auden's contemporary influences. Discuss Ogden Nash.  2. Read 'Spring Comes to Murray Hill'.  3. Look at how the poem the poem would have featured in the New York Times on May 3, 1930.  4. Discuss: How does seeing how the poem first appeared impact of your understanding of it?  5. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in the poem?  ii. What do you notice about the language used to express ideas? Identify two examples of language techniques and explain what they tell you about the poet's perspective on the individual and power in society.  iii. What connections can you make between 'September 1, 1939' and 'Spring Comes to Murray Hill'?		Contemporary influences worksheet 'Spring Comes to Murray Hill' by Ogden Nash  http://www.poe mhunter.com/poem/spring-comes-to-murray-hill/http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1930/05/03/spring-comes-to-murray-hill  http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1930/05/03/spring-comes-to-murray-hill



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experiment with     language     conventions and     forms in the     composition of     persuasive and     imaginative texts for     a variety of	<ul> <li>i. Read 'Auden's light and serio-comic verse' (Smith) from The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden.</li> <li>• Record about three or four direct relevant quotations.</li> <li>• Explain how the quote relates to Auden's poems.</li> </ul>			



purposes and audiences Respond to and compose	ii. Summarise in dot points the key ideas in the chapter. A couple of examples have been completed to get you started.
texts  • compose texts that integrate elements of form, personal style, language and content for a variety of audiences and purposes  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms	<ul> <li>Auden's comic verse represents the 'silliness of human nature'</li> <li>To Auden poetry represents all parts of human nature.</li> </ul>
and features  • use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity  OUTCOME 7:	
Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of	



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of view  Respond to and compose texts  • compose creative and critical texts that reflect particular values and perspectives, including their own	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking Metalanguage  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about deconstructing 'September 1, 1939'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. Use the notes and your readings to help you as you fill in the deconstruction table about 'September 1, 1939' by making your own notes about the following:  • literary and cultural context  • textual features such as:  o structural (and relate to the whole text, including layout)  o figurative (and relate to sentence and word level)  o grammatical features.  Diversity of Learners  To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  Write at least a 300-word paragraph analysing how key ideas are represented in 'September 1, 1939'.		Deconstructing 'September 1, 1939' worksheet



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engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning     investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions  Respond to and compose texts     experiment with language	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking  Quality learning environment Engagement High expectations  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	<ul> <li>Reading 'In Memory of W.B. Yeats'</li> <li>Guidance <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about 'In Memory of W.B Yeats'.</li> <li>Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> </ol> </li> <li>Exercise <ol> <li>Your own responses and analysis are useful before you read the analysis of others. Read the poem aloud. See the link in resource section for a copy of the poem.</li> <li>Jot down comments in relation to: <ol> <li>your responses—images, thoughts, feelings, moods, sounds or other</li> <li>language features that strike you as you read</li> <li>your ideas on key ideas and concepts—where/how these key ideas and concepts are included in the flow of the poem? What ideas are raised?</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>		Reading 'In Memory of W.B. Yeats' worksheet  https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/memory-w-b-yeats



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reactions  Respond to and compose texts  • experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of	Students' self-regulation  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  Exercise 1: Critical essays and study of the poem  Search online for a critical essay on Auden's 'In Memory of W.B. Yeats'. As you read the essay, write down key words and phrases. At the end, decide to what extent you agree with the essay.  i. Write down five to ten brief dot points summarising the critic's view of the poem.		WOLKSHEEL



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#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

> understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of view.

- ii. From the essay you chose, make notes on the main meanings, language devices and contextual information in relation to the poem.Which points are most relevant to your reading of the poem?
- iii. Consider your earlier annotations and the reading above. Write down three to five dot points on the following:
  - Yeats, Auden and the meaning of the poem
  - devices in the poem
  - themes of the poem.
- iv. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in the poem?
- v. What comments on identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?
- vi. What motivations and actions are explored in the poem?

#### **Exercise 2**

- i. Read the following chapters from *The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden*:
- 'Auden's England'
- 'Auden and religion'
- 'Auden and ecology'.
- Summarise in dot points the key ideas in the chapter. A couple of examples have been completed to get you started.

'Auden's England'



- Due to the advent of the Second World War, Auden's move to America in 1939 was viewed as an act of betrayal in the mind of the English public.
- Auden's migration to America (the new world) did not liberate him from the 'Old World' of England. As Frank Kermode says, 'you are identified with your world and you must live or die with it'. (p26)

## 'Auden and religion'

- Auden liked to 'categorise and pigeonhole', with an awareness that these systems work on their own terms and those creating the systems are implicated in their creations. In the process consciousness created through these systems imprisons due to the explanations being created.
- Greeves argues that Auden's conversion to Christianity in 1940 reveals Auden's need for systems

# 'Auden and ecology'

- Auden's nature images reject Romantic models, where the 'imaginary framework' enabled the self to overcome alienation.
- Auden's images of nature are 'man-made constructs'. In an essay on Robert Frost in 1936, Auden states that 'Man is naturally anthropocentric' and concerned with his own kind and things only when they relate to his existence and how they 'sustain him'. It is only when his relations with people break down that he is interested in nature.



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# Respond to and compose texts

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## **Exercise 1: Critical essay and study of the poem**

Search online for a critical essay on Auden's 'Spain'. As you read the essay, write down key words and phrases. At the end, decide to what extent you agree with the essay.

- Write down five to ten brief dot points summarising the critic's view of the poem.
- ii. From the essay you chose, make notes on the main meanings, language devices and contextual information in relation to the poem.Which points are most relevant to your reading of the poem?
- iii. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in the poem?
- iv. What comments about identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?
- v. What motivations and actions are explored in the poem?

#### **Exercise 2**

- i. Read the following from *The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden*: 'Auden, psychology and society'.
- i. Summarise in dot points the key ideas in the chapter that relate to key ideas. A few examples have been completed to get you started.
  - Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, influenced Auden's
    work as he thought about psychological models connected to
    the 'customs and rituals or an entire society' as opposed to the
    individual.



	<ul> <li>Auden felt that Freudianism needed to be considered in conjunction with other parts of contemporary environment.</li> <li>Auden was interested in the teachings of Lane, who proposed that 'all instinctual behaviour is good' - biologically and morally.</li> </ul>	
ii.	Read the following from <i>The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden</i> : 'Auden and modern theory'.	
iii.	One the next page are relevant quotations from the essay. Explain what you understand these quotes are saying about Auden's ideas.  An example has been completed to get you started.  Add and interpret one or two more quotes from the essay that reinforce key ideas in Auden's poetry.	



Auden's theoretical foundations: 'Auden considered Romanticism one of several contributory factors to politics of despair, the main cause. He further believed while literature could expose and critique a society's leading paradigms, it did not directly 'reenter history as an effective agent' (p.393). Lastly, he readily distinguished a work's aesthetic merit from the worth of its ideas.' (pp. 138-139)  [Auden recognised that Romanticism's material source led to the consequences of the Industrial Revolution] 'Breakthroughs in technology and science had potentially at least freed humans from the back-breaking labour and bondage to the land. But they also increased inequalities of wealth, destroyed traditional communities, concentrated populations in slums and left most people alienated from their work, one another and themselves. Romanticism attempted to make this situation tolerable to an ambivalent middle class.' (pp.139-140)  Auden is critical of Romanticism as it led to the Industrial Revolution movement that created a class that tolerated a class that tolerated the poor working and living conditions due to the increase in wealth generated by 'breakthroughs in technology and science' but 'otherwise left things unchanged'. Romanticism did this through the 'artistic genius'.  Auden therefore viewed Romanticism as the main cause of the 'politics of despair'. He also believed that literature's limitations lay in its ability to 'expose and critique' society's paradigm, but not change history. In addition he was able to see merit in a work's ideas as opposed to artistic
representation.



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effort from understanding ordinary uses of	
language.' (p. 141)	
'A poem must encompass the varied	
'intention' of its author, poetic persona,	
audiences or even, if intention can be	
attributed to non-individual agents, its	
culture, literary traditions and linguistic	
medium.' (p. 141)	
['New criticism's long ascendency, disdain for	
history, hostility to other theories and	
patriarchal self-righteousness'] 'For proof-text	
one can take any Auden poem and develop	
the tension between its evident statement and	
the complexities introduced by its poetic uses	
of language. The Audenesque (or post-New	
Critical) objective, however, is not to resolve	
that tension into a moralised paradox, but to	
illustrate how complexities brings into focus a	
particular paradigm's construction of a world.'	
(p.142)	
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 explain how changes in context influence responses to particular language choices in texts

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#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Develop and apply contextual knowledge

 investigate and explain how composers

 (authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers and so on) draw on cultural, textual and linguistic resources to represent particular perspectives in texts

#### Quote 1:

'The abiding purpose of every nationalist is to secure more power and more prestige, not for himself but for the nation or other unit in which he has chosen to sink his own individuality.'

### Message conveyed about key ideas:

Orwell sees nationalism as representing how people manipulate situations and events to increase power and prestige for the nation or other unit under the pretence that this is better for the nation as a whole. He is critical of nationalism due the humanitarian implications of the desire for power and prestige.

## How Orwell's ideas about key ideas are explored in Auden's poetry:

In stanza 8 of 'September 1, 1939' Auden's direct statement, 'There is no such thing as the State' shows Auden's rejection of Marxist socialist ideas . The 'clever hopes' refer to the British intelligentsia, who espoused after World War I schemes that had not diminished the growth of a capitalist economy nor improved the lot of the working class but, worse yet, merely aggravated the social conditions under which totalitarianism flourished. Auden, however, blames more than one decade. From the time of the Reformation ('Luther until now'), the humanity of man has been diminished.

#### **Diversity of Learners**

To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:

#### **Extension**

Write a 300-word paragraph about how Orwell's ideas explored in Auden's poetry?



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- iv. Reread or skim over 'Auden's politics: power, authority and the individual' from *The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden*. Complete the questions below.

- a. Summarise in dot points the key ideas in the poem. Some examples have been completed to get you started.
  - Although Auden turned his back on Marxism his way of thinking argues for the 'complex engagement' of the individual with history.
  - According to Lucas, Auden changed ideas regularly, suggesting that he 'didn't really believe in anything', although the central inspiration for his poetry was 'ideas', with which he 'played' with regularly.
  - Auden's poetry lampoons 'Authority's different voices'.
  - Auden was critical of war as he felt, like many others that 'a whole lot of old guys had sent a lot of young guys off to die for nothing'.
- b. Explain how three ideas from the essay are explored in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'. An example has been done for you.

**Idea:** Futility of war

**Explanation:** 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear' reflects the universality of war through the use of war affecting the lives of the couple in the poem, causing them to run away. As argued by Lucas, Auden was critical of war as he felt, like many others, that 'a whole lot of old guys had sent a lot of young guys off to die for nothing'.



Content descriptions	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • investigate and explain how composers (authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers and so on) draw on cultural, textual and linguistic resources to represent particular perspectives in texts  OUTCOME 3:  Respond to and compose texts  • experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences	Intellectual quality Metalanguage  Significance Background knowledge Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Ballad form Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about the ballad form.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. What is a ballad?  ii. Describe the form or characteristics of a ballad.  You may have come up with ideas such as a ballad:  is a form of verse  usually has more than one narrative voice in it  often has a question and answer format  ends badly  is often a narrative set to music  comes from the medieval French chanson balladée or ballade  originally comes from the tradition of 'dancing songs' with a strong rhythm  is usually in a quatrain (four-line verse).  Some other information to consider about the ballad is below:  Ballads were popular poetry and songs of the British Isles from the later medieval period until the 19th century.		Ballad form worksheet  https://www. youtube.co m/watch?v= dHbfY6 NqL M



•	Ballads were used extensively across Europe and later the Americas, Australia and North Africa.	
•	The form was often used by poets and composers from the 18th century onwards to produce lyrical ballads.	
•	In the later 19th century the term took on the meaning of a slow form of popular love song and is now often used for any love song, particularly the pop or rock power ballad.	
iii.	Watch the YouTube clip of a ballad. See link in resource section.	
iv.	How does the YouTube clip of a British medieval ballad enhance your understanding of the ballad form Auden uses in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'?	



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge	Language in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about language in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'.  2. Discuss language techniques.  3. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  Add your ideas about language and examples of language techniques.		Language in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear' worksheet



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Respond to and compose texts  • experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences  OUTCOME 7:  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of view.	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding  Quality learning environment Engagement High expectations  Significance Knowledge integration	Interpretations of 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about interpretations of 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'.  2. Watch a YouTube clip of an interpretation of the poem. Discuss.  3. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. How would you represent Auden's 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear' in a YouTube clip? Jot down some planning ideas.  ii. How do the YouTube clips of the poem enhance your understanding of how key ideas are represented by Auden in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'?		Interpretations of worksheet  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpMt-alwsZU



Content descriptions	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning     investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions  Respond to and compose texts      experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking Metalanguage  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Deconstructing 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about deconstructing 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  Fill in the deconstruction table for 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear' by making your own notes about the following:  • literary and cultural context  • textual features such as:  o structural (and relate to the whole text, including layout)  o figurative (and relate to sentence and word level)  o grammatical features.  Diversity of Learners  To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  i. Write at least a 300-word paragraph analysing how key ideas are represented in 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear'.		Deconstructi ng 'O what is that sound which so thrills the ear' worksheet



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes  OUTCOME 3:  Engage personally with texts  • engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning  • investigate and explain how mode, medium and form	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking  Quality learning environment Engagement High expectations  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Section 5: Critically analysing 'Epitaph on a Tyrant', 'The Unknown Citizen' & 'The Shield of Achilles'  Reading 'Epitaph on a Tyrant'  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about reading 'Epitaph on a Tyrant'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. Your own responses and analysis are useful before you read the analysis of others. Read the poem aloud. See the link in resource section.  ii. In the space below jot down comments in relation to:  • your responses—images, thoughts, feelings, moods, sounds or other  • language features that strike you as you read  • your ideas on key ideas and concepts—where/how these key ideas and concepts are included in the flow of the poem? What ideas are raised?  Diversity of Learners  To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:		Reading 'Epitaph on a Tyrant' worksheet  https://www. poets.org/p oetsorg/poe m/epitaph- tyrant



shape responses to texts, for example	Extension	
how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions  Respond to and compose texts	<ul> <li>i. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in this poem?</li> <li>ii. What comments on identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?</li> </ul>	
experiment with     language     conventions and     forms in the     composition of     persuasive and     imaginative to the form	iii. What motivations and actions are explored in the poem?	
imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences		



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes.	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge	Language in 'Epitaph on a Tyrant' Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about language in 'Epitaph on a Tyrant'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below: Exercise  Add examples of language techniques.		Language in 'Epitaph on a Tyrant' worksheet



Те	Ωuality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
Engage personally with texts  • engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning  • investigate and explain how mode, medium and form shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions  Sig	ntellectual uality Deep nowledge Deep Inderstanding Digher-order Ininking Metalanguage Duality Parning Invironment Explicit quality Interia Inowledge Inowledge Inowledge Integration	Cuidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about deconstructing 'Epitaph on a Tyrant'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  Fill in the deconstruction table for 'Epitaph on a Tyrant' by making your own notes about the following:  • literary and cultural context  • textual features such as:  o structural (and relate to the whole text, including layout)  o figurative (and relate to sentence and word level)  o grammatical features.  Diversity of Learners  To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  i. Write at least a 300–word paragraph analysing how key ideas are represented in 'Epitaph on a tyrant'.		Deconstructi ng 'Epitaph on a Tyrant' worksheet



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes  OUTCOME 3:  Engage personally with texts  • engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning  • investigate and explain how mode, medium and form	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking  Quality learning environment Engagement High expectations  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Reading 'The Unknown Citizen' Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about reading 'The Unknown Citizen'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below: Exercise  i. Your own responses and analysis are useful before you read the analysis of others. Read the poem aloud. See the link in the resource section.  ii. Jot down comments in relation to:  • your responses—images, thoughts, feelings, moods, sounds or other  • language features that strike you as you read  • your ideas on key ideas and concepts—where/how these key ideas and concepts are included in the flow of the poem? What ideas are raised?  Diversity of Learners To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  Exercise 1  i. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in this poem?		Reading 'The Unknown Citizen' worksheet  https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/unknowncitizen



shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions

# Respond to and compose texts

 experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences

- ii. What comments on identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?
- iii. What motivations and actions are explored in the poem?

### **Exercise 2: Critical essay**

Search online for a critical essay on Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen'. As you read the essay, write down key words and phrases. At the end, decide to what extent you agree with the essay.

- i. Write down five to ten brief dot points summarising the critic's view of the poem.
- ii. From the essay you chose, make notes on the main meanings, language devices and contextual information in relation to the poem.Which points are most relevant to your reading of the poem?
- iii. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in the poem?
- iv. What comments on identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?
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Respond to and compose texts  • experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences  Respond to and compose texts  • compose texts that integrate elements of form, personal style, language and content for a variety of audiences and purposes  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making  Vince texts  Cultification in the compose texts that integrate elements of form, personal style, language and content for a variety of audiences and purposes  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making	tellectual pality eep knowledge eep inderstanding oblematic nowledge gher-order inking etalanguage ubstantive ommunication  pality learning invironment ingagement gh ispectations ocial support udents' self- gulation  gnificance ultural nowledge inowledge inowledge inowledge itegration	<ol> <li>Interpretations of 'The Unknown Citizen'</li> <li>Guidance         <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about Interpretations of 'The Unknown Citizen'.</li> <li>Watch two YouTube clips interpreting Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen'. Discuss.</li> <li>Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> </ol> </li> <li>Exercise         <ol> <li>How would you represent Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen' in a YouTube clip? Jot down some planning ideas.</li> <li>How do the YouTube clips of the poem enhance your understanding of how key ideas are represented by Auden in 'The Unknown Citizen'?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		Interpretatio ns of 'The Unknown Citizen' worksheet  https://www .youtube.co m/watch?v= NWicGxiO T2g; https://www .youtube.co m/watch?v= CVvRxa- hBcs



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes  OUTCOME 3:  Engage personally with texts  • engage with complex texts to understand and appreciate the power of language in shaping meaning  • investigate and explain how mode, medium and form	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding Higher-order thinking  Quality learning environment Engagement High expectations  Significance Cultural knowledge Knowledge integration	Reading 'The Shield of Achilles' Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about reading 'The Shield of Achilles'.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. Your own responses and analysis are useful before you read the analysis of others. Read the poem aloud. See the link in resources section.  ii. Jot down comments in relation to:  • your responses—images, thoughts, feelings, moods, sounds or other  • language features that strike you as you read  • your ideas on key ideas and concepts—where/how these key ideas and concepts are included in the flow of the poem? What ideas are raised?  Diversity of Learners To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:  Extension  Exercise 1  i. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in this poem?		Reading 'The Shield of Achilles' worksheet  https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/shield-achilles



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- i. Write down five to ten brief dot points summarising the critic's view of the poem.
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- iii. What ideas about power, authority and the role of the individual are explored in the poem?
- iv. What comments on identity, ideology and individual agency are explored in the poem?
- v. What motivations and actions are explored in the poem?
- vi. Read the following from The Cambridge Companion to WH Auden:
  - 'The European Auden'
  - 'Auden's landscapes'.
- vii. Comment on two to three direct relevant quotations for each essay. Select your own or use the quotes provided. Explain how these quotes relate to Auden's poetry. Two examples have been completed for you. Use the table as a guide to create your own.





Essays	Relevant quotes	How it relates to Auden's poetry	
The European	'From April 1948, his poems had focused on the existential crisis of the inner life.'	Although 'The	
Auden'	'The poems he wrote after he arrived in Italy for the first time celebrate human flesh, not for its beauty, in which Auden now takes almost no interest, but for its ordinariness. And because they celebrate over human flesh they also mourn over human blood.' (p.55)	Shield of Achilles'	
		deals with the	
		injustices caused by	
		war, it also relates	
		to the themes of the	
		poet's concerns	
	"The Shield of Achilles', has become an anthology piece thanks to its apparently straightforward sentiments against war, cruelty, impersonality and regimentation, but the poem is subtler than its overt sentiments. Its hidden subject is the way in which impersonal speech makes possible inhumane actions. The stanza in which Thetis watches Hephaestos create Achilles' shield report on actions for which neither is personally responsible: until the final stanza (where Hephaestos hobbles away from his creation and Thesis cries out in dismay at it), 'she' looks at what 'his hands' do, but neither is an T' or 'you' and neither chooses anything. The shield made by his hands portrays equally impersonal scenes of a barren landscape with an army of 'A	about himself as an	
		artist and his	
		relationship to his	
		art.	
		The poem could be	
		read as	
		representing the	
		reader as the	
		unflattering 'Thetis'	
		who passively	
		observes and the	
	million eyes, a million boots', but no individual persons except	poet as the	
	'ragged urchin, aimless and alone', who lives in solitude where individuality is meaningless because it can imagine no relations to other individuals.' (pp.59-60)	indifferent	
		craftsman	
		Haphaestos. Both	
		allow the cruelty of	
		war to occur as they	
		do not speak in the	



		first person, thereby being detached from the action.	
'Auden's landscape s'	'The natural world for Auden is a place of unfreedom. In spite of nature's incessant transformations, everything in it is inevitable and predetermined.' (p.202)		
	What has been described as Auden's ecological consciousness makes him aware that nature cannot be reduced to geometry and that man is not only a rational creature but also an irrational, intuitive being who needs the magic of high places such as mountains.' (p.209)		



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shape responses to texts, for example how spoken language can evoke particular audience reactions.

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

> understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of view.

Key words underlined

Focus: how WH Auden's poetry explores the complexity of human experience.

These are key concepts and ideas in Auden's poetry.

Analyse <u>how</u> WH Auden's poetry explores <u>insight</u> into the <u>complexity of human</u> experience.

In your response, make <u>detailed reference</u> to your prescribed text.

Focus on ideas and language techniques used to represent various complex human experiences in Auden's poetry.

Detailed reference

Detailed reference (the 'how') refers to textual details, ideas and concepts.

2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:

#### **Exercise**

i. As you read the question, underline key words.

Explore how WH Auden's poetry represents ideas about society and its values in unique and evocative ways.

In your response, make detailed reference to your prescribed text.

- ii. What are the key ideas and concepts you will focus on?
- iii. Identify at least three poems you think relate well to this question.
- iv. To which textual features will you refer to in order to represents ideas about society and its values in unique and evocative ways?



1	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  OUTCOME 7: Respond to and compose texts analyse how and why perspectives are represented differently in a range of complex texts	Intellectual quality Metalanguage Substantive communication  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria Students' self- regulation Student direction  Significance Knowledge integration	<ol> <li>Writing a thesis Guidance         <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about writing a thesis.</li> <li>Deconstruct an example of a thesis. See the one below.</li></ol></li></ol>		Writing a thesis Worksheet



Content descriptions	Quality Teaching Model	Lesson Outline	Suitable for homework	Resources
OUTCOME 3:  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with  Intellectual quality  Metalanguage  Substantive communication  Muality learning environment  Explicit quality criteria  Students' self-regulation	quality Metalanguage Substantive communication  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria	<ul> <li>Writing an introduction</li> <li>Guidance <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about writing an introduction.</li> <li>Deconstruct an example of an introduction. See the one below.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Thesis statement establishes the direction of the essay-</li> <li>It is through the various representations of society that we are able to understand the nature of the pattern of</li></ul>		Writing an introduction worksheet
	regulation Student direction Significance Knowledge	the direction of the essay- representations of society give insight into the human condition  Titles and author clearly identified—for Auden's poetry Sentences showing how the argument will be developed throughout the essay  that we are able to understand the nature of the human condition and therefore the complex implications of the way people engage with each other. As a modern poet, WH Auden's poetry challenges the power of authority and in doing so offers hope for humanity. Through poems such as 'September 1, 1939', 'Spain' and 'Epitaph of a Tyrant' Auden relentlessly poses questions regarding ethical issues surrounding political decisions critically affecting the livelihood and well-being of people during the first half of the twentieth century.		
		<ul><li>3. Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li><li>Exercise</li><li>i. Are there any ways you could improve the introduction above? What would you change? Write some suggestion below.</li></ul>		



<ul> <li>analyse how and why perspectives are represented differently in a range of complex texts</li> <li>compose creative and critical texts that reflect particular values and perspectives, including their own</li> </ul>	ii. Using your notes from above, write an introduction for the essay question above.	



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OUTCOME 1:  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  • explain how various language features, for example figurative, grammatical and multimodal elements create particular effects in texts and use these for specific purposes  OUTCOME 3:  Develop and apply contextual knowledge  • explain the effect of language choices in different personal, social and cultural contexts and how these choices influence meaning	Intellectual quality Metalanguage Substantive communication  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria Students' self- regulation Student direction  Significance Knowledge integration	<ol> <li>Writing body paragraphs Guidance         <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about writing body paragraphs.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Writing topic sentences         <ol> <li>Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about writing topic sentences.</li> <li>Deconstruct an example of a topic sentence. See the ones below.</li></ol></li></ol>		Writing body paragraphs Worksheet Writing topic sentences worksheet



Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

- use appropriate linguistic, stylistic, critical and creative terminology to compose and respond to texts (ACELR012)
- use accurate spelling, punctuation, syntax and metalanguage in complex creative and critical texts

(ACEEN017) \*

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Develop and apply contextual knowledge

investigate and explain how composers
 (authors, poets, playwrights, directors, designers and so on) draw on cultural, textual and linguistic resources to represent particular perspectives in texts

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

# **Diversity of Learners**

To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:

### **Extension**

### Sample body paragraph

i. Deconstruct an example of a body paragraph. See the body paragraph below.

Topic sentence relates to the question-Auden's human experience is to resist authority Reference to structure/formpoetic form challenged Reference to cultural and literary contextintertextual links to Yeats and Nash Quotes in single quotation marks

Reference to

quotes from

Continued

development of

Auden

academics and

WH Auden's poetry demonstrates his relentless desire to resist and challenge the power of authority. As a modern poet, he does this through challenging conventions of the poetic form. In 'September 1, 1939' Auden combines the verse structure of Yeats' 'Easter 1916' about the Irish rebellion and Ogden Nash's 'Spring Comes to Murray Hill' to create an intertextually hybrid poetic form. Intrigued by the 'freshness and wit' of Nash's poem, Auden transforms the opening lines of Nash's poem in 'September 1, 1939' from 'As I sit in my office / On 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Madison Avenue' to 'I sit in one of the dives / On Fifty-Second Street'. The poem was written in the year Auden moved to New York, the significance of which is reflected in the style of the poem, which is neither 'English' nor 'American', reflecting an 'inbetween of voices' according to Jenkins from The Cambridge Companion to Auden. In doing so Auden refuses to identify himself with a single poetic culture or nation, thereby stylistically displacing himself from 'Old World' precision and 'New World' internalisation of ideas and the freedom that purports. The disassociation of poetry from nationality is key to Auden's ideas about the freedom of the individual as he noted that in America 'nationalities don't mean anything', only human beings matter and that is how the 'future must be'. However, the poem, written on the day World War Two began, represents an antithesis to the political culture of the time. Cultural references to, for example, Martin Luther, who began the protestant Reformation in Germany,



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Respond to and compose texts

- analyse how and why perspectives are represented differently in a range of complex texts
- compose creative and critical texts that reflect particular values and perspectives, including their own

ideas about the complexity of human experience References to figurative devices, with analysis Connecting words like

'however' signal development of

ideas

Concluding

up ideas

sentence sums

illustrate how European cultural history is a type of madness that erupts in war throughout the ages. The irregularity of form shown through the unstable pararhymes and irregular verse rhythm emphasise Auden's meditation on the social and psychological causes of war as metaphorically 'clever hopes expire' being replaced by the 'unmentionable odour of death'. Auden's reflections on the outbreak of war and the power of authorities who pursue war for their own agenda reinforce the notion that 'no one exists alone' and that political decisions impact significantly on the lives of people.

- ii. Are there any ways you could improve the body paragraph? What would you change?
- iii. Re-write the body paragraph in your own words.
- iv. Choose one of the topic sentences you wrote above.
- v. Write down five to six key ideas you could discuss in the body paragraph to develop your main idea for the topic sentence.
- vi. Using your notes from above, write one body paragraph for the essay question above.
- vii. Annotate your body paragraph by identifying the following:
- topic sentence
- reference to literary and cultural context
- quotes in single quotation marks



	reference to structure/form	
	reference to academics/Auden	
	reference to figurative devices/language features	
	key quotes	
	concluding sentence.	



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OUTCOME 3:  Respond to and compose texts  • experiment with language conventions and forms in the composition of persuasive and imaginative texts for a variety of purposes and audiences  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate language for making connections, questioning, affirming, challenging and speculating about texts with increasing clarity  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate linguistic, stylistic, critical and creative terminology to compose and	Intellectual quality Metalanguage Substantive communication  Quality learning environment Explicit quality criteria Students' self-regulation Student direction  Significance Knowledge integration	Writing a conclusion  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about writing a conclusion.  2. Deconstruct an example of a conclusion. See an example below.  Statements about what Auden's poetry rejects gives insights into his purpose Sentences strengthening the argument  Known for his poetic style based on reason rather than Romantic concepts of the sensuous nature of poetry, Auden's poetry rejects common ideologies of the 1930s, most notably Marxist socialism. His reflections on the implications of political decisions on the people illustrate the cultural complexity of the time. Like his contemporaries, Auden puts forward alternative viewpoints that challenge democratic socialism and the social injustice it can cause.		Writing a conclusion worksheet
		<ul> <li>3. Ask students to complete the exercise below:</li> <li>Exercise <ol> <li>Are there any ways you could improve the conclusion above? What would you change? Write some suggestion below.</li> <li>Using your notes from above, write a conclusion for the essay question above.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		



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respond to texts		
(ACELR012)		
<ul> <li>use accurate</li> </ul>		
spelling,		
punctuation, syntax		
and metalanguage		
in complex creative		
and critical texts		
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OUTCOME 7:		
Respond to and compose		
texts		
<ul> <li>analyse how and</li> </ul>		
why perspectives		
are represented		
differently in a		
range of complex		
texts		
compose creative		
and critical texts		
that reflect		
particular values		
and perspectives,		
including their own		



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Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  Respond to and compose texts  • develop independent interpretations of texts supported by informed observation and close textual analysis (ACELR045)  OUTCOME 3:  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • use appropriate linguistic, stylistic, critical and creative terminology to	derstanding oblematic owledge gher-order inking etalanguage bstantive mmunication  uality learning ivironment plicit quality teria	Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes from the worksheet about planning a Critical Study of Literature essay.  In order to do this, students will need to:  • identify at least six key ideas or concepts to be explored  • analyse how key ideas are represented in the poetry  • refer to critical essays about Auden's poetry  • use your research from this unit, the essays and your own conclusions  • organise your paragraphs to clearly demonstrate your analysis.  2. Ask students to complete the exercise below:  Exercise  i. Choose one of the essay questions above. Try selecting a different question to the ones analysed already.  ii. Reread over your notes.  iii. Now you can decide what you are actually going to write about. Plan your ideas by writing notes about the following:  • five or six main concepts about key ideas  • the details for discussion about key ideas  • key quotes.		Planning a Critical Study of Literature essay worksheet



 use accurate spelling, punctuation, syntax and metalanguage in complex creative and critical texts

(ACEEN017) \*

#### **OUTCOME 7:**

Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features

> understand and analyse the effect of language and structural choices on shaping own and others' perspectives, for example figurative language or narrative point of

Respond to and compose texts

- analyse how and why perspectives are represented differently in a range of complex texts
- compose creative and critical texts that reflect particular values and perspectives, including their own

iv. Write the introduction and conclusion for your chosen essay question.

## **Diversity of Learners**

To differentiate the curriculum, implement the alternative approaches and/or discuss and ask students to complete the exercises below:

### **Extension**

- i. Reflect on your plan. You might like to work with a partner. Before you write your body paragraphs in full consider any changes you might like to make to strengthen your thesis.
- ii. Write your essay in full, including body paragraphs.



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Outcome 1  Understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features  • analyse the ways language features, text structures and stylistic choices shape ideas and perspectives and influence audiences (ACEEN024)  Respond to and compose texts  • develop independent interpretations of texts supported by informed observation and close textual analysis (ACELR045)	Intellectual quality Deep knowledge Deep understanding  Quality learning environment Students' self- regulation  Significance Knowledge integration	Final revision  Guidance  1. Explain, discuss or read notes for a Critical Study of L.  2. Ask students to complete the experise  i. Go back over the essays by more notes.  ii. Create and fill in the following	exercise below:  critics. Read them again and make		Final revision worksheet
		What is a critical study of literature?	What have you learnt about the selected poems by WH Auden from your critical study of them?		
		What was most interesting about this unit?	What was most challenging about this unit?		
		iii. Write a 'to do list'. Which as and research further?	spects of the novel will you now revise		

