

NEW Level 1 and 2 Certificate in Living Texts – an innovative approach to English

Straightforward and Flexible

- All units are internally assessed and externally moderated
- Each unit will cover one Assessment Objective
- Centres have free choice of texts and tasks
- Consultancy Service provided to advise on suitability of texts and tasks

OCR has created a new and innovative English qualification for first teaching in September 2011. *Living Texts* gives schools and colleges total freedom to choose the texts they want to study. All units in the qualification are internally assessed and externally moderated.

Living Texts has been carefully designed to meet learners' needs by providing:

- a recognisable qualification that leads effectively to other English qualifications or to the workplace;
- the flexibility for learners to study texts that fire their imaginations;
- the opportunity to engage in a range of stimulating tasks;
- key skills that will benefit learners in further English studies;
- the chance to consolidate knowledge by studying this course alongside other English GCSEs.

Three units – no exams

Living Texts is made up of three units each with one straightforward Assessment Objective.

Unit B931: Analysing Texts

Study of two or more extended texts.
Learners complete two tasks; one or both may be comparative.

Unit B932: Recreating Texts

Study of one or more shorter texts.
Learners complete one task – a recreative response to the text studied.

Unit B933: Comparing Texts - Personal Study

Learners complete an extended personal study comparing at least two texts.
The study is accompanied by a presentation or discussion.



Flexibility of content

Our new qualification will allow access to a wide range of literary and non-literary genres.

The choice of texts and tasks is left entirely up to schools and colleges – you can tailor the course to suit your students.

The full range of engaging genres is listed below.

Novels
Drama
Travel Writing
Biographical/ Autobiographical Texts
Film/ TV/ Radio Scripts
Media Texts
Poetry
Short Stories
Spoken Language

Part of a comprehensive suite of successful English qualifications

Living Texts is part of our English provision and due to the flexible nature of this qualification there are a number of ways schools and colleges may best use it. *Living Texts* is very adaptable and can allow for a great deal of co-teaching.

Living Texts can:

- provide excellent preparation in Year 9 for Key Stage 4 study;
- sit well alongside a sole GCSE in English;
- stretch and challenge candidates studying GCSE English Literature or IGCSE;
- prepare students well for Key Stage 5 study.

Supporting you

To assist your delivery of our qualifications we endeavour to provide practical and effective support. Please see the OCR website for useful resources to aid your teaching. These materials will be updated regularly throughout the life of the qualification.

Training

If you would like to find out more about how to deliver *Living Texts* we will be running *Get Ready* events in May. These half-day sessions will give you a useful overview of this new specification.

Key features of the *Get Ready* course will include:

- a look at the structure, content and assessment methods;
- a review of the support and resources available;
- a summary of the benefits this new specification can offer you and your students.

Details about booking this course will be available nearer the time at: **www.ocreventbooker.org.uk**

We are also keen to visit schools, colleges or local regions to discuss how best we could help you with the interpretation of this specification.

Want to know more?

To find out more about this exciting new qualification please email us at: **living.texts@ocr.org.uk** or visit the OCR website: **www.ocr.org.uk/livingtexts**



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