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Teacher Guide

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H472

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H472/03 Text and Task FAQs

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What is the text(s) and task(s) tool?

The text(s) and task(s) tool can be used to:

- choose and validate a combination of texts for students
- choose pre-approved tasks for the chosen valid combination of texts
- submit pre-approved texts and tasks for your cohort.
- propose additional texts and/or tasks for approval.
- check all text and task choices once.

It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that all A Level English Literature non-exam assessment tasks for all students are submitted via the text(s) and task(s) tool.

You are strongly advised to wait until you have received confirmation of approval before learners begin working on the tasks. Confirmation of approval or feedback on your proposals will be sent to you via email.

Which qualifications does the new text(s) and task(s) tool support?

A Level English Literature H472/03. Improved approval processes for A Level Language H470/03 and A Level Language and Literature (EMC) H474/04 non-exam assessment tasks are in the pipeline.

How do I access the text(s) and task(s) tool?

The text(s) and task(s) tool can be found on the Teach Cambridge website: [Text and task proposal form \(H472\)](#)

How do I use the new text(s) and task(s) tool?

Please refer to the following user guide: ***How to use the Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool***, available on [Teach Cambridge](#).

A Level English Literature teachers should use the *Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool* to select text combinations and task titles for the H472/03 non-exam assessment. The tool contains an extensive database of pre-approved texts and tasks and we would advise choosing from these lists where possible.

My chosen text/task is not appearing on the text(s) and task(s) tool. What do I do?

If your chosen text/task is not available, you can use the tool to propose a new text and/or task to use. To propose a new text/task, follow section 4 of the text(s) and task(s) tool user guide: 'How to use the Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool', available on [Teach Cambridge](#).

All new proposals are sent to the English team for approval. They will confirm approval by email or otherwise offer guidance as to how your proposed text/task can meet the requirements.

I've submitted a proposal for a new text/task. When will I hear back?

New text and/or task proposals will be sent to the English teams for approval. If you are offering the qualification for the first time, you will need to tell us which texts and tasks your students would like to use. In future years, you will not have to re-submit for approval, under our 'tell us once' approach. We aim to respond to all new proposals within 5 working days.

My text and task submission consists entirely of new proposals for texts/tasks that have been approved by the English team. Do I still need to submit my choices on the text(s) and task(s) tool?

If your text/task submission for all students consists only of newly approved options that are not available on the text(s) and task(s) tool, you do not need to re-submit your choice via the tool. The English team will send confirmation of approval via email. Please keep this confirmation for your records. We will then add these new texts/tasks to the tool so that they can be used for future submissions.

My text and task submission includes some newly approved texts/tasks and some that are available on the text(s) and task(s) tool. Do I still need to submit my choices on the text(s) and task(s) tool?

If your text/task submission for all students consists of some newly approved texts/tasks and some that are available on the text(s) and task(s) tool, you will need to complete your full submission via the tool. Students will be able to start work on the non-exam assessment as soon as all new elements have been approved and you have received a confirmation email from the English team. You will need to ensure that you have completed your submission by the submission deadline (31st January in the year of assessment).

I want to use texts and tasks that have been previously approved. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Yes. You must use the text(s) and task(s) tool to submit text and task choices every year, even if the texts and/or tasks have been used previously. If you are offering the qualification for the first time, you will need to tell us which texts and tasks your students would like to use. In future years, you will not have to re-submit for approval, under our 'tell us once' approach.

I want to tweak a previously approved task title. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Previously approved tasks will be available to select on the text(s) and task(s) tool. If you want to make tweaks to a task, please contact the English team in the first instance. Depending on the extent of the change we may be able to approve your task straightaway or ask you to submit a new task proposal.

I want to use a previously approved A Level English Literature task with a different text. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Yes. For further enquiries, please contact the English team at english@ocr.org.uk. We may be able to approve your task straightaway or ask you to submit a new text and/or task proposal.

When is the deadline for submitting text and task choices?

If you are delivering this qualification for the first time or proposing new texts or tasks, the deadline for submitting English Literature text and task choices is 31st January of the year of assessment.

Where can I get support on what makes a good task title?

The [A Level English Literature Non Exam Assessment guide](#) offers support with structuring task titles so that they reflect the assessment requirements.

Can I use A Level English Literature H472 set texts for the NEA?

The set texts for the A Level English Literature examined components cannot be used for the non-exam assessment. This includes the two core texts from each topic area in Component 2, regardless of which topic area students are studied for the exam. Below is the list of these prohibited texts.

<i>King Lear</i> - Shakespeare	<i>Samuel Taylor Coleridge Selected Poems</i> – Samuel Taylor Coleridge
<i>Hamlet</i> – Shakespeare	<i>Maud</i> – Alfred, Lord Tennyson
<i>Othello</i> - Shakespeare	<i>Christina Rossetti Selected Poems</i> – Christina Rossetti
<i>The Tempest</i> – Shakespeare	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> – F Scott Fitzgerald
<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> – Shakespeare	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> – John Steinbeck
<i>Richard III</i> – Shakespeare	<i>Dracula</i> – Bram Stoker
<i>Edward II</i> - Christopher Marlowe	<i>The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories</i> – Angela Carter
<i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> – John Webster	<i>1984</i> – George Orwell
<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i> – Oliver Goldsmith	<i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> – Margaret Atwood
<i>A Doll’s House</i> – Henrik Ibsen	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> – Jane Austen
<i>An Ideal Husband</i> – Oscar Wilde	<i>Mrs Dalloway</i> – Virginia Woolf
<i>The Merchant’s Prologue and Tale</i> – Geoffrey Chaucer	<i>The Reluctant Fundamentalist</i> – Mohsin Hamid
<i>Paradise Lost</i> – John Milton	<i>Call It Sleep</i> – Henry Roth

Any of the suggested set texts for Component 2 (on pages 36-37 of the specification) can be used for the non-exam assessment provided that they are not being studied for the exam.

Who do I contact if I have a question about a text and task submission?

You can contact our English team directly on 01223 553998 or at english@ocr.org.uk

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