

Approaching the English Language Papers.

English Language Paper 1.

- 1) Read the questions and mark on the source which bit you will need to identify and analyse for Q2 (language) and which bit you will need to identify and analyse for Q3 (structure).
- 2) Read Q1 again and make sure you know what it is asking you to identify.
- 3) Read the source, underlining four things you can use for Q1.
Highlight/annotate any relevant language and structural features that stand out for use in Qs 2 + 3.

Steps 1 – 3 can take up to 15 minutes.

- 4) Write your four points for Q1 (up to 5 mins)
- 5) Reread the section identified for Q2 and highlight/annotate any more language features you can see. Choose 3-4 that you can analyse the effect of and write a PEEL paragraph on each. High marks go for exploring the effects language features have on the reader. Use lots of subject terminology and at least 3-4 quotations (10 minutes).
- 6) Reread the section identified for Q3. Highlight/annotate any other structural features. Write about how the writer moves your focus (as a reader) through the writing, focusing on changes in time and/or location, zooms in and out and character entrances and exits and the effects these have on the reader. Use lots of subject terminology (10 minutes).
- 7) Read the quote. Write about how you agree with it (no need to disagree) by exploring what the writer is trying to do (his purpose). Use lots of embedded quotes and explore the effect on the reader (25 minutes).
- 8) Choose which question you will answer for Q5. Jot down a brief plan. Make sure your writing uses a wide variety of accurate paragraphs, sentence forms, punctuation and vocabulary/spelling (40 minutes).