

Friesland School's English Department Newsletter: Year 9

Currently we are studying the play 'Blood Brothers' and a module where we look at writers' viewpoints and perspectives.



Key Skills:

1. Writing to argue/persuade and writing a thesis
2. Analysing the writer's use of structure and comparing the writer's attitude
3. Writing about context

How your child can develop their learning at home:

- Read as much non-fiction as possible: the Guardian is a free to view newspaper, which contains many interesting articles.
- Look back over the work completed in the Autumn term, particularly the skills of writing a thesis.
- Begin to consider/research some of the key themes in Blood Brothers (superstition, class, money, fate etc).
- Write for different audiences and think carefully about the persona you adopt. For example, plan a newspaper article where you comment on superstition or, a letter to a local MP where you outline ways in which poverty could be eradicated in your local area.



Reading

Your child has a reading record and they should ensure they read regularly at home. Every time they read independently, or to someone at home or school, they should get this signed and verified by an adult and they will then be rewarded for this by their form tutor.

Magic numbers:

Read 25 times – bronze
Read 50 times – silver
Read 75 times – gold
Read 100 times – platinum
AND an invitation to our celebration evening
Read 200 times – diamond
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