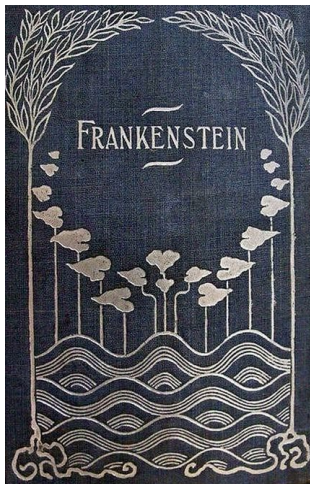


2021/22 A Level English Literature Reading List

Set Texts on the AQA syllabuses taught at The Sixth Form Bolton:

Novels

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley



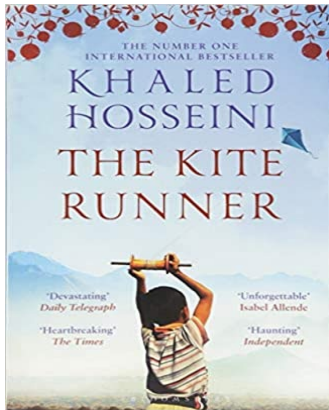
This is a gripping gothic horror novel, mixing the science fiction and mystery genres to create the story of Frankenstein's monster, an experiment with catastrophic consequences. Many of the issues raised in this novel are still very relevant in the modern world.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald



F. Scott Fitzgerald transports the reader to the world of 1920s America and The Jazz Age. The story revolves around the enigmatic character of Jay Gatsby: who is he? Where does he come from? The unravelling of this mystery exposes the superficiality and hypocrisy of a society obsessed with money, power and status.

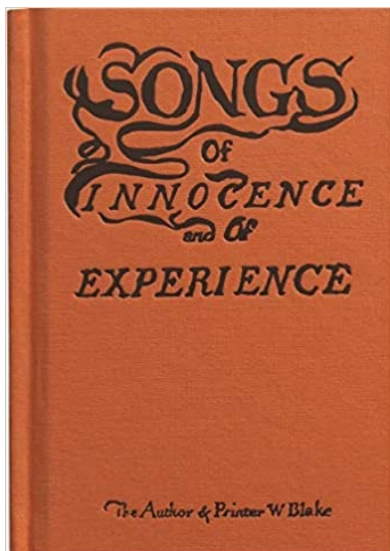
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini



This heart-breaking novel is set in Afghanistan, during the 1970s. Amir and his devoted friend Hassan are determined to win the local kite-fighting tournament, the events of the day will change their lives forever.

Poetry

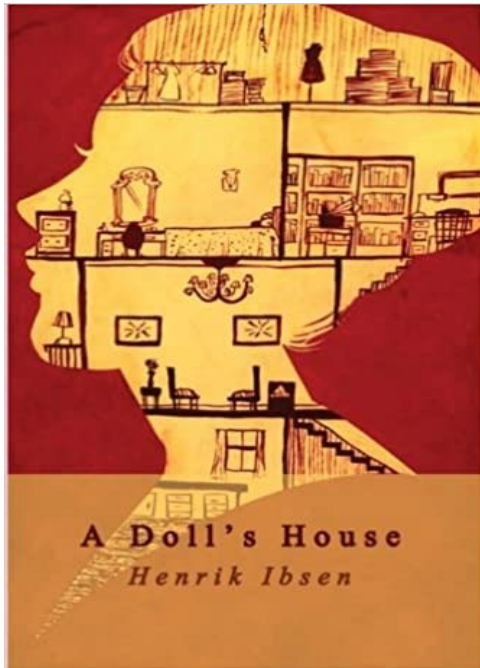
William Blake- Songs of Innocence and Experience



Considered one of the greatest poetry collections of all time, Songs of Innocence and Experience is a powerful and moving collections of poems, Blake holds a mirror up to 18th Century Britain and exposes the hypocrisies of those in power and the terrible conditions enforced upon the poor. Blake is as relevant today as he was in his life-time.

Plays

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen



A Doll's House is a nineteenth 19th Century Norwegian play about the seemingly happy marriage between two characters. Nora and Torvald live a lie until Nora realises the truth of their relationship and decides to fight for her individual freedom.