



AICE English Language AS

2024 Summer Reading Assignment

Novel: The Black Cat and The Masque of the Red Death

Directions: During the summer, you will be required to respond to all the following essay prompts to the best of your ability. **Your response should be typed, Times New Roman, 12 point, and double spaced.**

Manage your time carefully! Your response should have a clear introduction, supporting points with text evidence support and a clear conclusion. Your writing should explain and elaborate all points and draw an intelligent conclusion. **Be specific in your examples by using clear, concise language in your sentences.**

Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary [The Black Cat]

Question 1

You are reviewing classic literature for your school's literary magazine. You have been tasked with creating a literary review for the horror genre section. Write the text for your review based on The Black Cat by Edgar Allan Poe, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, create a sense of suspense without spoiling the story.

Section B: Extended writing [The Masque of the Red Death]

Question 2

Write a narrative piece called The Aftermath of the Red Death, which covers as a sequel or epilogue for The Masque of the Red Death. In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words.