Chapter Plan – 14 The Extended Essay

Plan Description:
Resources and activities to support pages 279-292 of the Exploring Literature Student Book

Plan Type:
Chapter Plan

Introductory notes

Objectives of Chapter 14
- To prepare for the task of writing an Extended Essay, and successfully complete the various steps needed to complete the process
- To build the ability to work independently and make informed choices of texts, topics and questions
- To further develop the skill of exploring relationships and comparisons between literary texts

The Extended Essay is probably the largest piece of coursework students will have encountered. It involves managing quite a lot of material. The activities provided are intended to help students with planning and organizing their work and clarifying their ideas.

Activities

Activity 1 is a timetable for students to complete with their teacher or tutor. It suggests the focus for a series of tutorials at which they can negotiate dates and targets for each stage of the process.

Activity 2 is a planning sheet for students to use early on in the process, when they are choosing texts and looking for links with the Shakespeare play. It will probably be completed in consultation with the teacher or tutor, who may need to suggest suitable texts for comparison.

Activity 3 offers a way of setting out some of the links between the three texts chosen for comparison. It should help students to see which areas will be most fruitful to explore as they work towards formulating questions. It may be useful to increase the size of this to A3 for printing or photocopying. Alternatively, it could be added to and edited on screen.