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The Locked Library

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LITERATURE IDEAS PEOPLE CHANGE THE WORLD

A British Literature Escape Room for B1+ / B2

Literary Periods | **Reading & Analysis** | **Pair / Group Work**

Students solve 5 literary challenges, review authors, works, characters and literary devices, and unlock the final password hidden inside the library.

What's inside

- warm-up literary vocabulary review
- student mission page
- 5 challenge pages
- final literary report
- teacher notes & answer key

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Teacher Notes & Answer Key

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Teacher Information

Level:	B1+ / B2
Time:	45–50 minutes
Grouping:	pairs or small groups
Preparation:	print pages 3–10
Materials:	pens, one copy per team, optional dictionaries
Focus:	periods, authors, works, characters, devices, interpretation

Suggested Lesson Flow

1	Warm-up literary vocabulary review	8 min
2	Student mission	3 min
3	Challenge 1	7 min
4	Challenge 2	7 min
5	Challenge 3	7 min
6	Challenge 4	7 min
7	Challenge 5	8 min
8	Final literary report	5 min

Hint Policy: One hint per team.

Answer Key

Challenge 1 – Literary Periods

Timeline order: Shakespeare, Blake, Austen, Dickens, Wilde, Woolf, Orwell

Clue 1 = V

Challenge 2 – Authors and Works

Shakespeare — *Romeo and Juliet*
Blake — *Songs of Innocence and Experience*
Austen — *Pride and Prejudice*
Dickens — *Oliver Twist*
Wilde — *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
Woolf — *Mrs Dalloway*
Orwell — *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Clue 2 = O

Challenge 3 – Characters

Romeo — *Romeo and Juliet*
Elizabeth Bennet — *Pride and Prejudice*
Oliver Twist — *Oliver Twist*
Dorian Gray — *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
Clarissa Dalloway — *Mrs Dalloway*
Winston Smith — *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Clue 3 = I

Challenge 4 – Literary Devices

1 simile
2 metaphor
3 personification
4 alliteration
5 irony

Summary word: comparison

Clue 4 = C

Challenge 5 – Literature in Context

1 Shakespeare
2 Dickens
3 Orwell
4 expression

Clue 5 = E

Final Solution

"The password is **VOICE.**
Literature gives every age a voice."

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Warm-up – Literary Vocabulary Review

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Review key literary words before you enter the library.

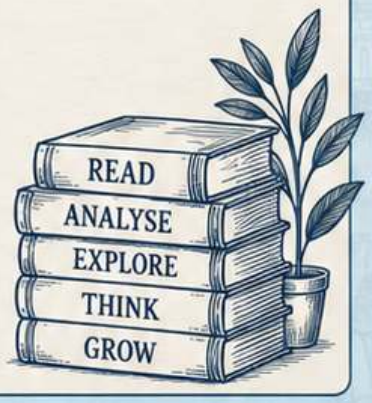
Task A – Match the terms to the meanings

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Word bank

author | character | setting | plot | theme | narrator

1. the person who writes a text _____
2. a person in a story, novel or play _____
3. the place and time where a story happens _____
4. the main events of a story _____
5. the central idea or message of a text _____
6. the voice that tells the story _____



Task B – Sort the writers

GREAT WRITERS DIFFERENT WORLDS SAME BIG QUESTIONS

Shakespeare | Blake | Austen | Dickens | Wilde | Woolf | Orwell

Playwright	Poet	Novelist



LITERATURE LEAVES A LONGER TRACE.

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Student Mission

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Use your literary clues to unlock the library.

This afternoon, the old library has locked itself. A final password is hidden somewhere among the writers, characters and texts. Your team must solve 5 literary challenges, collect 5 letters, and discover the missing password before the library closes for the night.

Rules

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2. Work together.
3. Read every clue carefully.
4. Ask for one hint only.
5. Do not tell the answers to other teams.

Team Details

Team name: _____

Student names: _____

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_____

Date: _____

Clue Tracker

1. **Clue 1:** _____
2. **Clue 2:** _____
3. **Clue 3:** _____
4. **Clue 4:** _____
5. **Clue 5:** _____

Different authors. One final key.

Final Answer

Final password: _____

What does literature give every age?

_____

_____

More than books.



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Challenge 1 – The Literary Timeline

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Put the writers in order and find the first clue.

Task A – Put the writers in chronological order

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Number the writers from 1 (earliest) to 7 (latest).

- ☐ Shakespeare
- ☐ Blake
- ☐ Austen
- ☐ Dickens
- ☐ Wilde
- ☐ Woolf
- ☐ Orwell

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____



Task B – Find the clue

LITERATURE LEAVES A LONGER TRACE.

The timeline includes writers from different periods. *Which literary period is linked to Dickens and much of nineteenth-century Britain?* Write the first letter of the period.

_____



CLUE 1 = _____

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Challenge 2 – Authors and Works

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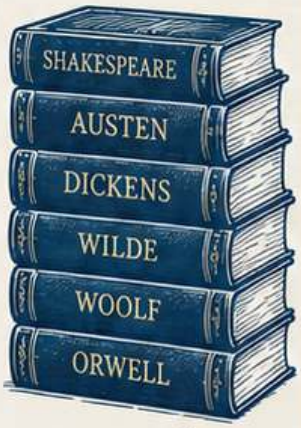
Match the authors to their works and reveal the next letter.

Task A – Match the authors and the works

Famous authors. Unforgettable works.

Match each author on the left to the correct work in the right.
Write the corresponding letter in the box.

1	Shakespeare	☐	A	*Romeo and Juliet*
2	Blake	☐	B	*Songs of Innocence and Experience*
3	Austen	☐	C	*Pride and Prejudice*
4	Dickens	☐	D	*Oliver Twist*
5	Wilde	☐	E	*The Picture of Dorian Gray*
6	Woolf	☐	F	*Mrs Dalloway*
7	Orwell	☐	G	*Nineteen Eighty-Four*



DIFFERENT AUTHORS. SAME HUMAN QUESTIONS.

Task B – Find the clue

Look closer. Authors hide answers too.



Who wrote *Nineteen Eighty-Four*?
Write the first letter of the surname.



"LITERATURE LEAVES A LONGER TRACE."

CLUE 2 = _____

One letter brings you closer.

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Challenge 3 – The Character Files

Match the characters to the correct texts.

Task A – Match the characters

Characters			Works	
1	Romeo		A	*Romeo and Juliet*
2	Elizabeth Bennet		B	*Pride and Prejudice*
3	Oliver Twist		C	*Oliver Twist*
4	Dorian Gray		D	*The Picture of Dorian Gray*
5	Clarissa Dalloway		E	*Mrs Dalloway*
6	Winston Smith		F	*Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Task B – Think about the task

You have just matched names to texts. Which verb best describes what you did? Circle one:

identify / compare / invent

Now write the first letter of the correct verb. ☐



CLUE 3 = _____

Different stories. Shared humanity.

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Challenge 4 – Literary Devices Lab

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Read the examples and discover the language clue.

Task A – Match the example to the device

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE LANGUAGE.

Match each example (1–5) to the correct literary device.

	Example	Your Answer
1	"My love is like a red, red rose."	
2	"The classroom was a prison."	
3	"The wind whispered through the trees."	
4	"Silver sea softly shone."	
5	"He called it his 'perfect day' while everything was going wrong."	

Word Bank

- simile
- metaphor
- personification
- alliteration
- irony



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Task B – Find the clue

THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON.

What single word links simile and metaphor?
They both create a _____.

Write the first letter of that word.



LANGUAGE CREATES WORLDS.

CLUE 4 = _____

Another step closer to freedom.



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Challenge 5 – Literature in Context

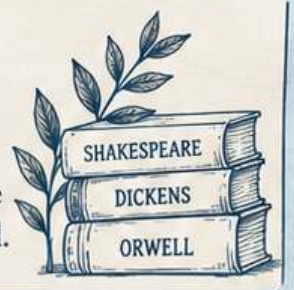
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Read the text, answer the questions, and find the final clue.

Read the text

Across the centuries, British writers have used literature to reflect society and human experience. Shakespeare explores conflict and passion. Dickens exposes injustice and poverty. Orwell warns readers about surveillance and control. Although their voices are different, literature remains a form of expression that helps readers think about the world.



Task A – Answer the questions

Same books. New perspectives.

1. Which writer explores conflict and passion?

   _____

2. Which writer exposes injustice and poverty?

   _____

3. Which writer warns readers about surveillance and control?

   _____

4. Complete the sentence: Literature is a form of _____.

   _____

Task B – Final clue

Every answer brings you closer.

Write the **first letter** of your answer to question 4.

Literature gives every age a voice.

CLUE 5 = _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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Final Literary Report

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THE WORLD

Use your clues to unlock the library.

Clue Check

Copy each letter from your clues below.

Clue 1	Clue 2	Clue 3	Clue 4	Clue 5

Unlock the Library

Put the clues together!

1. Final password = _____
2. Literature gives every age a _____.

Write the report

Complete the final report.

The old library opens when the team restores its missing password. The five clues form the word _____. British literature includes many periods, authors, characters and ideas, but together they give every age a _____.



Team reflection

Well done, team!

- ☐ We used English.
- ☐ We worked together.
- ☐ We solved the mystery.

LIBRARY UNLOCKED!

Black & White Student Photocopies

This appendix includes plain black-and-white student photocopies that can be printed and handed out directly in class, plus a complete answer key.

The Locked Library – Student Photocopy Pack

Warm-up – Literary Vocabulary Review

Task A – Match the terms to the meanings. Use the word bank.

Word bank: author • character • setting • plot • theme • narrator

1. the person who writes a text _____
2. a person in a story, novel or play _____
3. the place and time where a story happens _____
4. the main events of a story _____
5. the central idea or message of a text _____
6. the voice that tells the story _____

Task B – Sort the writers into the correct category.

Writers: Shakespeare, Blake, Austen, Dickens, Wilde, Woolf, Orwell

Playwright	**Poet**	**Novelist**
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Warm-up only — no clue on this page.

The Locked Library – Student Mission

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Clue tracker

Clue 1: _____

Clue 2: _____

Clue 3: _____

Clue 4: _____

Clue 5: _____

Final answer

Final password: _____

What does literature give every age?

_____

Challenge 1 – The Literary Timeline

Task A – Put the writers in chronological order. Number them from 1 (earliest) to 7 (latest).

- [ ] Shakespeare
- [ ] Dickens
- [ ] Orwell

Write the final order:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Task B – Which literary period is linked to Dickens and much of nineteenth-century Britain?

Write the first letter of the period.

_____

CLUE 1 = _____

Challenge 2 – Authors and Works

Task A – Match each author to the correct work. Write the letter in the box.

1. Shakespeare	☐	A. Romeo and Juliet
2. Blake	☐	B. Songs of Innocence and Experience
3. Austen	☐	C. Pride and Prejudice
4. Dickens	☐	D. Oliver Twist
5. Wilde	☐	E. The Picture of Dorian Gray
6. Woolf	☐	F. Mrs Dalloway
7. Orwell	☐	G. Nineteen Eighty-Four

Task B – Who wrote Nineteen Eighty-Four? Write the first letter of the surname.

CLUE 2 = _____

Challenge 3 – The Character Files

Task A – Match the characters to the correct texts.

1. Romeo	☐	A. Romeo and Juliet
2. Elizabeth Bennet	☐	B. Pride and Prejudice
3. Oliver Twist	☐	C. Oliver Twist
4. Dorian Gray	☐	D. The Picture of Dorian Gray
5. Clarissa Dalloway	☐	E. Mrs Dalloway
6. Winston Smith	☐	F. Nineteen Eighty-Four

Task B – Which verb best describes what you did? Circle one:

identify / compare / invent

Now write the first letter of the correct verb.

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CLUE 3 = _____

Challenge 4 – Literary Devices Lab

Task A – Match each example to the correct literary device.

1. “My love is like a red, red rose.” ☐

2. “The classroom was a prison.” ☐

3. “The wind whispered through the trees.” ☐

4. “Silver sea softly shone.” ☐

5. “He called it his ‘perfect day’ while everything was going wrong.” ☐

Word bank: simile • metaphor • personification • alliteration • irony

Task B – What single word links simile and metaphor? They both create a _____.

Write the first letter of that word.

CLUE 4 = _____

Challenge 5 – Literature in Context

Read the text:
Across the centuries, British writers have used literature to reflect society and human experience. Shakespeare explores conflict and passion. Dickens exposes injustice and poverty. Orwell warns readers about surveillance and control. Although their voices are different, literature remains a form of expression that helps readers think about the world.

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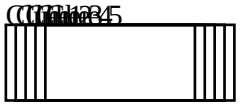
Task B – Write the first letter of your answer to question 4.

_____

CLUE 5 = _____

Final Literary Report

Copy your clues below and use them to unlock the library.



Unlock the library

1. Final password = _____

2. Literature gives every age a _____

Write the report

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The five clues form the word _____. British literature includes many periods, authors, characters and ideas, but together they give every age a _____.

Team reflection

- ☐ **We used English.**
- ☐ **We worked together.**
- ☐ **We solved the mystery.**

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Complete Answer Key

These pages provide the full answer key for the warm-up, all five challenges, and the final report.

Complete Answer Key

WARM-UP – Literary Vocabulary Review
Task A: 1 author; 2 character; 3 setting; 4 plot; 5 theme; 6 narrator.
Task B: Playwright – Shakespeare. Poet – Blake. Novelists – Austen, Dickens, Wilde, Woolf, Orwell.

CHALLENGE 1 – The Literary Timeline
Chronological order: 1 Shakespeare; 2 Blake; 3 Austen; 4 Dickens; 5 Wilde; 6 Woolf; 7 Orwell.
Task B: Victorian Age → first letter V.
Clue 1 = V.

CHALLENGE 2 – Authors and Works
1 Shakespeare → A Romeo and Juliet
2 Blake → B Songs of Innocence and Experience
3 Austen → C Pride and Prejudice
4 Dickens → D Oliver Twist
5 Wilde → E The Picture of Dorian Gray
6 Woolf → F Mrs Dalloway
7 Orwell → G Nineteen Eighty-Four
Task B: Orwell → first letter O.
Clue 2 = O.

Complete Answer Key (continued)

CHALLENGE 3 – The Character Files
1 Romeo → A Romeo and Juliet
2 Elizabeth Bennet → B Pride and Prejudice
3 Oliver Twist → C Oliver Twist
4 Dorian Gray → D The Picture of Dorian Gray
5 Clarissa Dalloway → E Mrs Dalloway
6 Winston Smith → F Nineteen Eighty-Four
Task B: identify → first letter I.
Clue 3 = I.

CHALLENGE 4 – Literary Devices Lab
1 simile; 2 metaphor; 3 personification; 4 alliteration; 5 irony.
Task B: comparison → first letter C.
Clue 4 = C.

CHALLENGE 5 – Literature in Context
1 Shakespeare
2 Dickens
3 Orwell
4 expression
Task B: first letter E.
Clue 5 = E.

FINAL LITERARY REPORT
Final password: VOICE.
Literature gives every age a voice.
Completed report: “The five clues form the word VOICE. British literature includes many periods, authors, characters and ideas, but together they give every age a voice.”