

Year 10

This is to begin to prepare you for your Blood Brothers work on your written exam- Section A.

Extra Hot tasks will take you longer than Extra Mild ones- mix it up and choose one from each row!



Extra Hot!	Research two of Russell's other plays 'our day out' and 'Educating Rita'. What are the similarities and differences between them and 'Blood Brothers'?	Imagine you are a Labour MP during the Conservative era. Decide if you support or oppose any policies or laws that relate to the working class. Create a speech/video blog arguing your point.	Read the article: https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/apr/14/margaret-thatcher-20-changes-britain Create an informative poster summarising the article	Write your own monologue or song to appear in the play. What would you change about the lot? Can you write a different ending?	Research Marilyn Monroe's life. Why do you think she has been used as a motif in the play?	Design a board game based upon the play, its themes, events and ideas.
Hot!	Using https://www.bbc.com/bit-size/topics/zygxv4j explain, in detail, why Willy Russell wrote Blood Brothers.	Create a model that represents one of the characters from the play	Read https://www.on-magazine.co.uk/arts/arts-interviews/willy-russell-blood-brothers/ Come up with 3 additional questions you could ask him and what his answers might be.	Annotate and analyse a review of 'Blood Brothers' and answer the question: How does the critic use language to show their opinion?	Research poverty in the UK today. What judgments can you make as to how times and attitudes are now t the poor compared with Liverpool in the 1970's and 1980's?	Create a set of revision cards for each of the characters in the play: Mickey, Edward, Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Lyons, Sammy, Linda and the Narrator.
Medium	https://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/theatre/9605796/Willy-Russell-I-want-to-talk-about-things-that-matter.html Read the article and create 'this is your life' poster for Russell.	Write a newspaper article explaining what happened when Sammy burnt the school down.	Do you think the play is effective for a modern audience? Explain your reasons linked to the play	Write a review of the play that you know so far in the style of a book critic	Choose a social issue which concerns you. How would you change the play to highlight this problem or issue further?	Create a rap or song based u[on] the events, themes and ideas from the play.
Mild	Design your own front cover. Think about any changes and improvements you could make. Write a paragraph explaining your choices.	Crate a comparison poster or model highlighting what life was like in Liverpool for the characters in Blood Brothers.	Write a letter from Edward to Linda that he wrote whilst at university but never sent to her	Who is to blame for the deaths of the brothers? Explain your reasons why.	Create a poster explaining some of the main language and structural techniques used in the play	Create a set of cards with key quotes on them, who says them and to whom.
Extra Mild	Research 3 different front covers- what people do you see? What is their relationship? What do you think each are thinking/feeling? What do you think they might be saying to each other?	Summarise Act 1 in the form of a comic strip.	Summarise Act 2 in the form of a comic strip	Create 4 appropriate era headlines about one of the themes you have discovered in Blood Brothers	Create a new character to be included in the play. Explain why they are important and what they would add to the plot.	Create a 10 question quiz based upon the events, themes, characters and ideas from the play.