

Year 12 English Literature – Summer homework

We want you to get off to the best possible start when you begin your studies with us in September. To help us see what level you are currently working at, we will ask you to complete a short piece of writing over the summer and give it to your teacher in your first lesson.

Task 1

Please go to the following website to get a copy of La Belle Dame sans Merci:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44475/la-belle-dame-sans-merci-a-ballad>

Please listen to the following reading of the poem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qL-L8ExX3kQ&list=RDqL-L8ExX3kQ#t=2>

Task 2

Please write a paragraph of between 250 and 300 words that presents your personal response to the following question:

How does the relationship between the knight and the lady relate to romantic relationships today?

Please note that your paragraph must be handwritten.