



## Y8 Topic: Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens (Writing)

Cold Task: *Write a formal letter*

Summative Task: *Write a formal letter in the character of Nancy*



### Classwork Tasks

1. **Write purposefully** a formal letter demanding a law that benefits children
2. **Write purposefully** a speech for a Victorian Child
3. **Think critically** in debating the fate of Nancy. **Write an argument** either for or against her approach to her inflexible fate
4. **Write purposefully** a formal letter to an MP focusing on the plight of impoverished children
5. **Write purposefully** in creating a leaflet for Victorian women
6. **Write creatively** in writing a monologue for the character of Bill Sikes
7. **Plan, devise and perform** the final meeting between Oliver and Fagin

### Homework Tasks

- Completion of classwork tasks
- Homework tasks
- Reading Chapters 30 -34, 37- 40, 44-45, 48, 50-51
- 3 Spelling Tests

### Key Words/Phrases

Imperatives Register Lists Topic Sentences Punctuation  
Specialist Terms Descriptive Language Emotive Language  
Rhetorical Question Rule of Three Repetition Shifting Focus  
**Mystery Crime Punishment Class Traits Stereotypes**  
**Misconceptions Poor Law Derogatory Maternal Figures**

### Challenge Key Words

Idiolect  
Prejudice  
Anti-Semitism  
Inflexible

### Your Success Criteria:

*(These are the skills that you will need to have by the end of this unit)*

Writing (I should be able to):

- \* plan, draft and edit your work to achieve the intended response from my reader using CPDO
- \* carefully select a point-of-view to suit the purpose of my writing
- \* use a range of features to structure my writing
- \* choose different ways to present and connect my ideas within paragraphs to suit the task.

Oracy (I should be able to):

- \* speak confidently and effectively in *debate*
- \* speak with clarity and focus in paired activities
- \* use Standard English confidently in classroom discussion

### Challenge Box:

- A. Explore whether the only way out of poverty is through a rich benefactor
- B. Write an article on the kindness of the Victorian upper class
- C. Explore the character of Bill Sikes understanding why he is in the position he is in

### Literacy Focus:

Plan, draft and edit your work, choosing the right type of sentences, a variety of punctuation and use of some ambitious vocabulary.

### Extra-Curricular Focus:

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**Useful Websites:** (to help you with this unit)

Writing a formal letter: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv7fq3/articles/zkq8hbk>  
How to build an argument: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv7fq3/articles/z6n6qwx>  
Working with Drama: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zsf8wmn/revision/1>