

Literature Paper 1 Blood Brothers

Plot Summary		Characters		Context			
A1	<p>Narrator introduces story with prologue – M&E lie dead, with Mrs J distraught. Mrs J sings about her troubled past Mrs L wants to raise one of Mrs J's new twins, makes a deal, then fires her, claiming they will die if ever they find out. M&E play together at the age of 7. Mrs L is angry at E's new behaviour – hits him. M, E and Linda caught by policeman – the Lyons family moves to avoid trouble. The Johnstones are moved to Skelmersdale Lane.</p>	Mrs Johnstone	Mickey, Edward and Sammy's mother. She gives up Edward so he'll have a better life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenager became a properly recognised age group. It was widely accepted that young people had their own culture (music, fashion and hobbies) and ways of behaving, which made them different to adults and children. • Families were expected to have a 'nuclear' structure- a mother, a father and their children. Single-parent families like Mrs Johnstone were less common and were frowned upon by many. • There was a large gap between working and middle class in Britain, even before the industrial decline. The Johnstones and Lyonses are class stereotypes. There was also a class divide in education, whether you went to a public and private schools often decided your job in the future. 	<p>Key Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money • Class • Fate • Superstition • Friendship • Coming of age • Identity • Gender 	<p>Features and Terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreshadowing • Pathos • Structure • Form • Imagery • Motifs • Phonetical • Standard English • Tension • Humour • Irony • Juxtaposition • Stage Directions • Cyclical structure 	<p>Songs</p> <p>Overture Marilyn Monroe My Child Easy Terms Shoes Upon The Table Kids' Game Gypsies in the Wood My Friend Bright New Day</p> <p>Marilyn Monroe 2 That Guy Summer Sequence I'm Not Saying A Word Take A Letter Miss Jones Marilyn Monroe 3 Light Romance Madman Tell Me It's Not True</p>
		Mrs Lyons	A middle-class woman who longs for a child. She manipulates Mrs Johnstone into giving Edward to her.				
		Mickey Johnstone	The twin Mrs Johnstone keeps. He's a friendly child but ends up unemployed and in trouble with the law.				
		Edward Lyons	The twin Mrs Lyons takes. He's well-educated and grows up to be a successful local councillor.				
A2	<p>Aged 14 M&E are suspended from their respective schools. Their friendship is rekindled. Mrs L visits Mrs J and attacks her. The children grow up, reaching 18. E reveals feelings for L before university. M&L marry. E returns. Argument with M, proposal to L. Sammy persuades M to take part in robbery. M arrested, released early on antidepressants. M&L argue about the pills. M understands that E has helped him find a new house and job, and confronts him at the town hall. Mrs J tries to stop the fight but reveals the twins' relationship. M shoots E by mistake and is gunned down by the police.</p>	Linda	Mickey and Edward's friend. Both boys fall in love with her. She marries Mickey.				
		Sammy Johnstone	Mickey's older brother. He's always in trouble as a child and ends up as a criminal.				
		Mr Lyons	A wealthy businessman who spends more time at work than with his family. He makes Mickey redundant.				
		Narrator	Helps to tell the story. He also plays several minor characters throughout the play				

AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts. Maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response. Use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.

AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.

AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

Useful vocabulary

Songs

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Plot?

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