

Why read and study a Novel??

There are many benefits:

- Longer/sustained text (cf. newspaper; short information; instruction....)
 - a) Stay longer in the context to build up and consolidate vocabulary
 - b) Watch the story structure develop
 - c) Watch the characters develop personalities
 - d) More in depth plot and story details
- Prediction skills – can use prediction skills to think about a variety of ways that the story could develop
- Good grammar
 - a) Narrative structure
 - b) Chapter/ paragraph/ sentence/ word order structure
 - c) Punctuation
 - d) Visual spelling
 - e) Vocabulary knowledge (can guess from the familiar context)
 - f) Model for writing in narrative style
- Use for meaning making
 - a) Cloze exercises
 - b) Dictagloss
 - c) Grammar examples in context
- Sense of achievement – larger task/ increased confidence to read a longer text independently
- Discussion purposes
 - a) Relate to prior happenings/ history
 - b) Relate to current affairs and everyday happenings and issues
- Greater depth allows for greater explanation eg. Why a situation arises and how it is resolved.
- For enjoyment/ entertainment (reading a novel is meant to be pleasurable!!)