

Fair Oak High School

Resource by Jo Cox

'Educating Rita'

By Willy Russell

**'At the beginning of the play Frank says: 'You must promise to come back here'
Why is Frank reluctant to teach her? How has Rita's character changed by the end of the
play?'**

INTRODUCTION

The introduction should introduce the essay and explain briefly what you intend to talk about. The introduction should also put the text into context. I have suggested some lines that you could use in your introduction.

Suggested opening line:

'Educating Rita' by Willy Russell tells the story of 'Rita' White, a twenty-six year old hairdresser, who is trying to find herself...

In this essay I will trace the way in which...

MAIN BODY

The main body of an essay should discuss the essay title. You should always refer back to the essay title.

You should make a point – for example Rita desperately wants to improve her life.

Find an example – In Act 1 she describes the emptiness of her life, she tells Frank that...

Finish it off with a quote.

It is absolutely vital that you demonstrate that you have a good knowledge of the text. Use the notes that we made in the lesson to help you.

The situation at the beginning of the play

- Put the quotation into context – why does Frank make this point?
- Describe their relationship.

The Changes in Rita's character

Describe three or four changes that take place during the play:

- Her marriage break up
- Her move in with Trish
- Her change in job
- Her style of speech and patterns of behaviour

The end of the play

- Frank's description of himself as 'Frankenstein'

CONCLUSION

Sum up the essay: 'In conclusion...'