

COMPARATIVE TEXTS – THE QUEEN & RANSOM



THEMES WE WILL STUDY:

LEADERSHIP:

- What makes a “good” leader?
- How are leaders influenced by family, public opinion/pressure? What are their responses to this?
 - How do leaders view themselves/their responsibilities?
- How do they respond to tragedy and times of possible social upheaval?

FAMILY vs. SOCIETAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- How do the public and private personas of the leaders differ?
- How do they balance their roles to their families and their duty?
 - Who do they rely on/turn to for advice? Do they follow this?

TRADITION & CHANGE:

- What role does tradition play in the roles of the 2 leaders in the 2 texts?
- How, if at all, do they opt for change in the ways they approach the situations they are faced with? Why do they do this?
 - FATE vs. FREE WILL
 - Is any change on-going?

PERSONAL JOURNEYS:

- What journeys (literal &/or figurative) do the leaders go through?
 - How does this affect the way in which they see the world/act?