# Reading List:
*Senior Comprehensive Examination*

## English Literature

### Anglo-Saxon

- *Beowulf*
- *The Dream of the Rood*
- *The Battle of Maldon*
- *In original language or dialect.*

### Middle Ages

**Chaucer**

- The Canterbury Tales
  - *General Prologue*
  - *Knight's Prologue and Tale*
  - *Miller's Prologue and Tale*
  - *Wife of Bath's Prologue*
  - *The Nun's Priest's Tale*

**Gawain Poet**

- *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- *Patience*
- *Purity*

**Langland**

- *Piers Plowman: Prologue*

**Drama**

**Everyman**
- The Second Shepherd's Play

**Malory**

- *Morte Darthur: the Passing of Arthur*
- *In original language or dialect.*

## Renaissance

**Skelton**

- Upon a Dead Man's Head
- Mannerly Margery

**Wyatt**

- They Flee From Me
- Mine Own John Poi ns

**Surrey**

- My Friend, the Things that Do Attain
- Love, That Doth Reign and Live Within My Thought

**Sidney**

- Astrophil and Stella
- An Apology for Poetry

**Dyer**

- My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is

**Marlowe**

- The Passionate Shepherd to His Love
- Doctor Faustus

**Nashe**

- Litany in Time of Plague

**Campion**

- When Thou Goest Home to Shades of Underground

**More**

- Utopia

**Fox**
Acts and Monuments: Death of Ridley and Latimer

Hooker

Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity: Preface and Book I

Spenser

The Fairie Queene: Books I and II
Epithalamion

Shakespeare

Sonnets: 12, 18, 29, 55, 71, 73, 104, 106, 116, 129, 130, 144
Hamlet
King Lear
Othello
Macbeth
Richard II
Richard III
Henry the Fourth, Part One
Love's Labour's Lost
Much Ado About Nothing
The Tempest

Seventeenth Century

Donne

The Good-Morrow
The Canonization
A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning
The Sun Rising
Air and Angels
The Relic
Elegy XIX (On his Mistress' Going to Bed)
Good Friday, 1613, Riding Westward
Hymn to God My God, in My Sickness
Sermon XV ("The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death")

Jonson

To Penshurst
To the Memory of My Beloved Master William Shakespeare
To the Memory of Sir Lucius Cary and Sir H. Morison

Bacon

Essays: Of Marriage and Single Life, Of Friendship, Of Travel, Of Studies, Of Truth
The Advancement of Learning, Book One

Overbury

Characters: A Courtier, A Fine Gentleman, A Pedant, A Puritan, A Jesuit, An Excellent Actor

Earle

Microcosmography: An Antiquary, A Gallant, An Upstart Knight

Herrick

Prayer to Ben Jonson
His Grange, or Private Wealth
Upon Julia's Clothes
The Country Life

Lovelace

To Althea, from Prison
To Lucasta, Going to the Wars

Carew

Elegy on the Death of Donne

Herbert


Denham

Coopers Hill

Marvell
To His Coy Mistress
Upon Appleton House
The Garden
The Mower Against Gardens

Lancelot Andrewes

Whitehall Sermon ("A cold coming they had of it")

Taylor

Holy Dying: Sects 1-3

Burton

The Anatomy of Melancholy: Democritus Junior to the Reader; The Causes of Melancholy, Sect. 2, Part I. (Love of Learning, or Overmuch Study)

Browne

Hydriotaphia: Chapters 1-5

Walton

Life of John Donne

Milton

Paradise Lost
Lycidas
Samson Agonistes
L'Allegro
Il Penseroso
Sonnet XV (Piedmont Massacre)
Sonnet XVI (On His Blindness)
Areopagitica
Of Education

Cowley

Discourses: Of Solitude, Of Obscurity, Of Myself

Restoration and 18th Century

Butler

Hudibras: Canto I

Bunyan

The Pilgrim's Progress

Rochester

A Satire Against Mankind
The Imperfect Enjoyment
To the Postboy
Artemisia to Chloe

Etheredge

The Man of Mode

Farquhar

The Beaux' Strategem

Wycherley

The Country Wife

Congreve

The Way of the World

Dryden

Annus Mirabilis
To the Memory of Anne Killegrew
Religio Laici
Absalom and Achitophel
To My Kinsman, John Driden
Essay of Dramatic Poetry
All for Love

Addison and Steele


Defoe
Robinson Crusoe
Moll Flanders

Pope
Eloisa to Abelard
The Rape of the Lock
Epistle to Burlington
Epistle to a Lady
Epistle to Arbuthnot

Swift
A Modest Proposal
Gulliver's Travels
A Description of a City Shower
Verses on the Death of Dr. Swift

Gay
Trivia: Book One
The Beggar's Opera

Richardson
Pamela

Fielding
Tom Jones

Sterne
Tristram Shandy

Smollett
Humphry Clinker

Chesterfield
Letters to His Son

Collins
Ode to Fear
Ode on the Popular Superstitions of the Highlands

Gray
Eton College Ode
Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard

Goldsmith
The Citizen of the World: Letters 9-12
She Stoops to Conquer
The Vicar of Wakefield
The Deserted Village

Sheridan
The School for Scandal

Cowper
The Task: Book Four
The Cast-Away

Gibbon
Autobiography
Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: Chapters XV, XXIV

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Burney
Evelina
Burns

To a Mouse
Epistle to Lapraik
Address to the Unco Guid
Holy Willie's Prayer

Blake

The Marriage of Heaven and Hell
London
The Sick Rose
The Tyger
Mock On Mock Voltaire Rousseau

Romantics

Wordsworth

Preface to Lyrical Ballads
Tintern Abbey
Resolution and Independence
Yew Trees
Elegiac Stanzas (Peele Castle)
Sonnet: Westminster Bridge
Sonnet: The World is Too Much with Us
The Prelude: Books, 1, 6, 8, 11, 13
Ode: Intimations of Immortality

Coleridge

This Lime-Tree Bower My Prison
Rime of the Ancient Mariner
Kubla Kahn
Frost at Midnight
Dejection: An Ode
Biographia Literaria: Chapters 1-5, 8, 14

Byron

Childe Harold's Pilgrimage: Cantos 1,3,4
Don Juan: Cantos 1-5

Shelley

Hymn to Intellectual Beauty
England in 1819
Ode to the West Wind
Adonais

A Defense of Poetry

Keats

On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer
The Elgin Marbles
The Eve of St. Agnes
Bright Star
Ode on a Grecian Urn
To Autumn

Lamb

Christ's Hospital Five-and-Thirty Years Ago
Old China

Hazlitt

My First Acquaintance with Poets

De Quincey

Confessions of an English Opium Eater: Preliminary
Confessions

Scott

The Heart of Midlothian

Austen

Pride and Prejudice
Emma

Victorian

Carlyle

Past and Present

Newman

Apologia Pro Sua Vita: Chapters 2-5

Ruskin
The Stones of Venice: v.2, ch. 6 (The Nature of Gothic)
The Storm-Cloud of the Nineteenth Century

Mill
On Liberty
Autobiography

Tennyson
Ulysses
In Memoriam
Maud
The Charge of the Light Brigade
Idylls of the King: the Passing of Arthur

Browning
Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came
Caliban Upon Setebos
The Bishop Orders His Tomb
My Last Duchess
Fra Lippo Lippi
Andrea del Sarto

Dickens
Our Mutual Friend
Little Dorrit
Bleak House

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Adam Bede
Middlemarch

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Channel Firing
New Year's Eve

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The Fascination of What's Difficult
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The Second Coming
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Waiting for Godot

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To the Lighthouse
A Room of One's Own

Forster

Howards End

Ford

The Good Soldier

Waugh

Decline and Fall

Auden

Letter to Lord Byron
Musee des Beaux Arts
In Praise of Limestone
In Memory of W.B. Yeats

American Literature

Colonial

Bradford

Of Plymouth Plantation: Books 1-2

Bradstreet

The Flesh and the Spirit
To Her Husband, Absent Upon Public Employment
Upon the Burning of Our House
Before the Birth of One of Her Children

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Huckleberry Finn

Howells

A Modern Instance

James

The Ambassadors

Wharton

The House of Mirth

Norris

Vandover and the Brute

Adams

The Education of Henry Adams

**Modern**

Frost

Mending Wall
After Apple-Picking
The Road Not Taken
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
Once by the Pacific
Design
Provide, Provide
The Gift Oughtright

Pound

In a Station of the Metro
Cantos: 1, 9, 17, 45

Stevens

The Snow Man
Sunday Morning
Anecdote of the Jar
Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird
The Idea of Order at Key West

Cummins

Buffalo Bill's
the Cambridge ladies
i sing of Olaf glad and big
anyone lived in a pretty how town

Hemingway

The Sun Also Rises

Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby

Faulkner

A Rose for Emily
Light in August