

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 Poins

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

("Cary-Morison ode")
Volpone
Bartholomew Fair

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

The Temple: The Church Porch, The Altar, Easter
Wings, The Agony, Jordan (1), The Collar, The Pulley,
Discipline, Love (3)

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)
 Areopagetica
 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
 Artimisia 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 Killigrew
 Religio Laici
 Absalom and Achitophel
 To My Kinsman, John Driden
 Essay of Dramatic Poetry
 All for Love

Addison and Steele

The Spectator: Nos. 2, 12, 42, 58, 61-62, 112,
 122, 160, 291, 411-421

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

Burke

Letter to a Noble Lord

Boswell

Tour to the Hebrides

Johnson

The Vanity of Human Wishes
Rasselas
The Rambler: Nos. 5, 32, 50, 60, 185, 200, 207, 208
The Idler: Nos. 31, 32, 72, 103
On the Death of Dr. Levet

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

George Eliot

Adam Bede
Middlemarch

Thackeray

Vanity Fair

Trollope

The Way We Live Now

Hardy

Jude the Obscure
Channel Firing
New Year's Eve

Arnold

Dover Beach
The Buried Life
Stanzas on the Grande Chartreuse
Culture and Anarchy: Chapters 1-5

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

The Blessed Damozel
The House of Life: Sonnets 4, 49, 71-73

Christina Rossetti

Goblin Market

Swinburne

In the Orchard
Hymn to Proserpine
Dolores

Pater

The Renaissance: Winckelmann and Conclusion

Wilde

The Importance of Being Earnest
The Picture of Dorian Gray

Gissing

New Grub Street

Twentieth Century

Yeats

The Rose of the World
The Fascination of What's Difficult
The Wild Swans at Coole
Easter 1916

The Second Coming
 Sailing to Byzantium
 Leda and the Swan
 Among School Children
 Crazy Jane Talks to the Bishop
 Lapis Lazuli
 The Circus Animals' Desertion

Hopkins

The Windhover
 Duns Scotus' Oxford
 Spring and Fall

Conrad

Nostromo

Shaw

Major Barbara
 Saint Joan

Joyce

Dubliners: Araby, Clay, Ivy Day in the Committee
 Room, The Dead
 Ulysses

Lawrence

Women in Love

Eliot

The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock
 The Waste Land
 Journey of the Magi
 Four Quartets: Little Gidding
 Tradition and the Individual Talent

Beckett

Endgame
 Waiting for Godot

Woolf

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

Taylor

Meditations 16, 22, 38
 Upon a Wasp Child with Cold
 Huswifery

Cotton Mather

Magnalia Christi Americana: Nehemias Americanus:

The Life of John Winthrop

Edwards

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God
Letter to Dr. Benjamin Colman

Franklin

Autobiography
The Way to Wealth

Crevecoeur

Letters from an American Farmer: Letters 3, 4, 7, 9, 12

Revolution and Early Republic

Jefferson

Notes on the State of Virginia: Queries 5, 14, 19

John & Abigail Adams

Letters: 16 Sept 1774; 9 October 1774; 16 October 1775; 23 July 1775; 3 July 1776; 21 July 1776; 3 August 1776

Paine

Common Sense

Tyler

The Contrast

Irving

Rip Van Winkle

American Renaissance to Modern

Emerson

Nature
Divinity School Address
Self-Reliance

Thoreau

Walden
Thomas Carlyle and His Works

Hawthorne

The Scarlet Letter
Young Goodman Brown
The Minister's Black Veil

Poe

The Purloined Letter
The Cask of Amontillado
The Fall of the House of Usher

Whitman

Song of Myself
Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking
Whoever You Are Holding Me Now in Hand
When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd

Melville

Moby-Dick
Bartleby, the Scrivener
Benito Cereno

Dickinson

I never lost as much but twice
How many times these low feet staggered
The Soul selects her own Society
This is my letter to the World
It was not Death, for I stood up
Pain--has an Element of Blank
A narrow Fellow in the Grass
A Word made Flesh is seldom
My life closed twice before its close

Twain

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 Outright

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

Cummings

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