

**COMPULSORY READING LIST  
POETRY II/3.**

**I. The Anglo-Saxons**

1. Beowulf
2. The Seafarer
3. The Wanderer
4. Judith
5. Caedmon's Hymn
6. The Dream of the Rood

**II. The Middle Ages**

7. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
8. G. Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales
9. Lord Randall
10. Edward, Edward
11. Get up and Bar the Door
12. Robin Hood
13. The Cockoo Song
14. Separated Lovers
15. The Piers Plowman

**III. The Renaissance**

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| 17. Sir Thomas Wyatt:      | Whoso List to Hunt  |
| 18. Edmund Spenser:        | Amoretti: Sonnets 30 and 75                               |
| 19. W. Shakespeare:        | Sonnets   |
| 20. Christopher Marlowe:   | The Passionate Shepherd to His Love                       |
| 21. Sir Walter Raleigh:    | The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd                         |
| 22. Robert Herrick:        | To the Virgins to Make Much of Time                       |
| 23. Andrew Marvell:        | To His Coy Mistress                                       |
| 24. John Donne:            | Death Be Not Proud  |
| 25. Ben Jonson:            | On My First Son<br>To Celia                               |
| 26. Sir John Suckling:     | Why So Pale and Wan, Fond Lover?                          |
| 27. Richard Lovelace:      | To Lucasta on Going to the Wars<br>To Althea, from Prison |
| 28. John Milton:           | Paradise Lost   |
| 29. The King James' Bible: | Psalms  |

**IV. Restoration and the 18th Century**

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| 30. Alexander Pope: | The Rape of the Lock                  |
| 31. O. Goldsmith:   | The Deserted Village                  |
| 32. Thomas Gray:    | Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard |

**V. Romanticism**

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| 33. Robert Burns:  | To a Mouse, To a Louse |
| 34. William Blake: | The Chimney Sweeper    |

- The Black Boy  
 The Sick Rose  
 The Tyger  
 The Lamb
35. William Wordsworth: Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey  
 She Dwelt among Untrodden Ways  
 To a Skylark
36. Samuel Taylor Coleridge: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner  
 Kubla Khan
37. George Gordon Lord Byron: The Destruction of Sennacherib  
 She Walks is Beauty  
 Don Juan  
 Childe Harold's Pilgrimage
38. Percy Bysshe Shelley: Ozymandias  
 Ode to the West Wind
39. John Keats: Ode to a Nightingale  
 Ode on a Grecian Urn  
 La Belle Dame Sans Merci

#### **VI. The Victorian Period**

40. Alfred Lord Tennyson: Tears, Idle Tears  
 The Eagle. A Fragment
41. Robert Browning: My Last Duchess
42. Elizabeth Barrett Browning: Sonnet 43
43. Gerard Manley Hopkins: Spring and Fall: To a Young Child
44. Matthew Arnold: Dover Beach
45. Thomas Hardy: The Darkling Thrush  
 Channel Firing  
 Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?
46. Alfred Edward Housman: When I was one-and-twenty
47. Rudyard Kipling: If - by heart

#### **VII. The Twentieth Century**

48. Siegfried Sassoon: The Rear Guard
49. Wilfred Owen: Dulce Et Decorum Est
50. Thomas Sterns Eliot: The Hollow Men  
 The Love Song of Alfred J. Prufrock
51. Ted Hughes: Hawk Roosting
52. William Butler Yeats: The Lake Isle of Innisfree  
 The Wild Swans at Coole
53. Dylan Thomas: Fern Hill  
 Do not Go Gentle into That Good Night
54. Margaret Ashwood: Mushrooms
55. Rita Dove: Sisters
56. Stevie Smith: Not Waving but Drowning

## Recommended Readings

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|--------------------------|---|
| Sir Thomas Wyatt:        | They Flee from Me<br>The Faerie Queene  |
| John Donne:              | Song<br>Valediction: Forbidding Mourning  |
| Robert Burns:            | The Cotters Saturday Night  |
| William Blake:           | The Poison Tree   |
| William Wordsworth       | The Daffodils<br>Composed upon Westminster Bridge<br>The World is Too Much with Us  |
| Samuel Taylor Coleridge: | This Lime Tree Bower My Prison  |
| Percy Bysshe Shelley:    | To a Skylark  |
| John Keats:              | On First Looking into Chapman's Homer   |
| Alfred Lord Tennyson:    | Flower in the Crannied Wall<br>The Lady of Shalott<br>In Memoriam A.H.H.<br>Ulysses<br>Crossing the Bar<br>Idylls of the King |
| Robert Browning:         | Porphyria's Lover   |
| Gerard Manley Hopkins:   | Pied Beauty   |
| Alfred Edward Housman:   | To an Athlete Dying Young<br>Is My Team Ploughing?  |
| Thomas Sterns Eliot:     | Preludes  |
| Wysten Hugh Auden:       | Musee des Beaux Arts<br>The Unknown Citizen   |
| Seamus Heaney:           | Digging   |
| Derek Walcott:           | The Virgins   |
| Maurice Kenny:           | Going Home  |
| Wole Soyinka:            | Telephone Conversation  |