**1660-1800: A Literary Chronology**

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**CHARLES II: 1660-1685**

1663 Dryden, Essay on Dramatic Poesy

1672 Dryden, Conquest of Granada

1675 Wycherly, The Country Wife

1676 Etherage, The Man of Mode

1681 Dryden, Absalom and Achitophel

1682 Dryden, MacFlecknoe

**JAMES II: 1685-1688**

1687 Newton, Principia

**WILLIAM III AND MARY: 1688/9-1702**

1690 Locke, Essay Concerning Human Understanding

1695 Congreve, Love for Love

1697 Dryden, Alexander’s Feast

1700 Congreve, The Way of the World

**ANNE: 1702-1714**

1704 Swift, Tale of a Tub & Battle of the Books

1709-11 The Tatler

1711 Pope, Essay on Criticism

1711-12,

1714 The Spectator

1712 Pope, The Rape of the Lock (expanded, 1714)

**GEORGE I: 1714-1727**

1719 Defoe, Robinson Crusoe

1722 Defoe, Moll Flanders

1724 Swift, Drapier’s Letters

1726 Swift, Gulliver’s Travels

**GEORGE II: 1727-1760**

1728 Pope, Dunciad (expanded 1742-43)

1729 Swift, Modest Proposal

1733-34 Pope, Essay on Man

1735 Pope, Epistle to Arbuthnot

1737 Fielding, Historical Register

1738 Johnson, London

1739 Hume, Treatise of Human Nature

1740 Richardson, Pamela

1742 Fielding, Joseph Andrews

1743 Fielding, Jonathan Wild

1746 Collins, Odes

1748 Richardson, Clarissa

1749 Fielding, Tom Jones

1749 Johnson, Vanity of Human Wishes

1751 Gray, Elegy

1751 Fielding, Amelia (dated 1752)

1755 Johnson, Dictionary

1759 Johnson, Rasselas

1759-67 Sterne, Tristram Shandy

**GEORGE III: 1760-1820**

1764 Walpole, Castle of Otranto

1765 Johnson, edition of Shakespeare

1766 Goldsmith, Vicar of Wakefield

1768 Gray, Poems

1768 Sterne, Sentimental Journey

1770 Goldsmith, Deserted Village

1771 Smollett, Humphrey Clinker

1771 Encyclopedia Britannica, 1st. ed.

1773 Goldsmith, She Stoops to Conquer

1774 Chesterfield, Letters

1776-88 Gibbon, Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

1776 Adam Smith, Wealth of Nations

1777 Sheridan, School for Scandal

1779 Johnson, Lives of the Poets

1783 Blake, Poetical Sketches

1785 Cowper, The Task

1786 Burns, Poems (1793 as well)

1789-93 Blake, Songs of Innocence and Experience

1790 Burke, Reflections on the French Revolution

1791 Boswell, Life of Johnson

1798 Wordsworth & Coleridge, Lyrical Ballads