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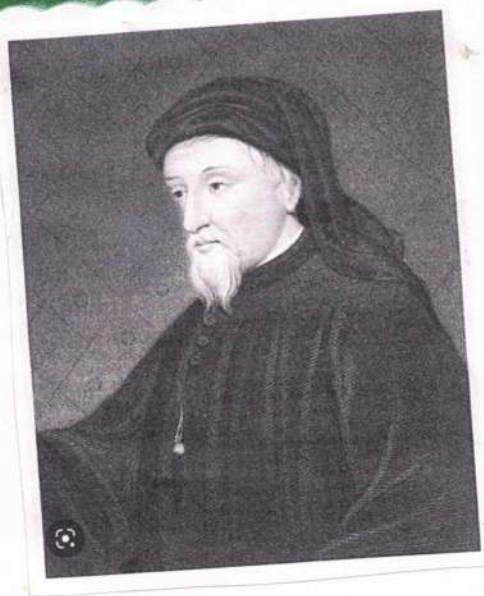
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GEOFFREY CHAUCER

BORN - 1340 London, England

Died - 25 October 1400

Occupations - Author, poet, philosopher.

Geoffrey Chaucer was an English poet, author, and civil servant best known for the Canterbury Tales. He has been called the father of English poetry or alternatively, the father of English poetry. He was the first writer to be buried in what has since come to be called Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. Chaucer also gained fame as a philosopher and astronomer, composing the scientific *A Treatise on the Astrolabe* for his 10-year-old son Lewis. He maintained a career in the civil service as a bureaucrat, courtier, diplomat and member of parliament.



FRANCIS BACON

BORN - 22 January 1561

Died - 9 April 1626

Francis Bacon also known as Lord Verulam was an English philosopher and statesman who served as Attorney General and Lord Chancellor of England. Bacon led the advancement of both natural philosophy and the scientific method and his works remained influential even in the late stages of the scientific Revolution.

Bacon has been called the father of empiricism. He argued for the possibility of scientific knowledge based only upon inductive reasoning and careful observation of events in nature.

Other works

- * Scientific works
- * Religious works
- * Juridical works

Books

- * OF studies
- * OF truth
- * OF love
- * OF marriage



WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR

Born - 26 April 1564

Died - 23 April 1616

Occupation - playwright, poet, actor

William Shakespeare was an English playwright, poet and actor. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called English - and national poet and the Bard of Avon. His extant works including collaborations, consist of some 39 plays, 154 sonnets, three long narrative poems and a few other verses some of uncertain authorship.

His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright - yet he remains arguably the most influential writer in the English language. and his works continue to be studied and reinterpreted

Other works

Books

- * Hamlet, prince of Denmark
- * Romeo and Juliet [1594 - 96]
- * Julius Caesar [1599 - 1600]
- * Hamlet [1599 - 1601]
- * King Lear [1605 - 06]
- * Macbeth [1606 - 7]

Sonnets

- * The tempest [1611]



BEN JOHNSON

Born - 11 June 1572

Died - 16 August 1637

Occupation - playwright, poet

Ben Jonson was an English playwright and poet. Jonson's artistry exerted a lasting influence upon English poetry and stage comedy. He popularised the comedy of humours. He is best known for the satirical play *Every man in his humour*. He is generally regarded as the second most important English dramatist after William Shakespeare during the reign of James I. Jonson was a classically educated well-read

and cultured man of the English Renaissance with an appetite for controversy whose cultural influence was of unparalleled breadth upon the playwrights and the poets of the Jacobean era and of the Caroline era.

Important works

Plays

- * A Tale of a Tub
- * The isle of dogs
- * The case is Altered
- * The poetaster

other works

- * Epigrams
- * The forest
- * underwood
- * English grammar
- * on my first sonne.



JOHN MILTON

BORN - 9 december 1608

Died - 8 november 1674

occupations - poet, intellectual, civil
servant

John Milton was an English poet and intellectual. His 1667 epic poem *Paradise Lost*, written in blank verse and including over ten chapters, was written in a time of immense religious, social, and political upheaval. It addressed the fall of man, including the temptation of Adam and Eve by the fallen angel Satan and God.

expulsion of them from the Garden and God
expulsion of paradise lost is widely considered
one of the greatest works of literature ever
written and it elevated Milton widely had repu-
-tation as one of history's greatest poets.

Other works

Poetry and drama

- * on the morning of Christ Nativity - 1629
- * on Shakespeare - 1630
- * Paradise Lost - 1667
- * Paradise Regained - 1671
- * Samson Agonistes - 1671

Prose

- * of Reformation - 1641
- * Animadversions - 1641
- * of Education - 1644
- * Areopagitica - 1645
- * Colasterion - 1645



JOHN DRYDEN

Born - 19 August 1631

Died - 12 May 1700

Occupation - poet, literary critic, playwright

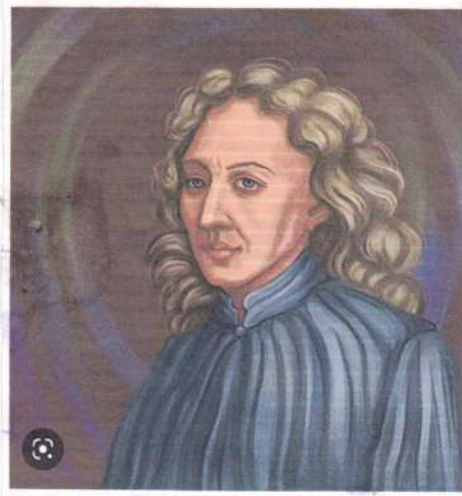
John Dryden was an English poet, literary critic, translator, and playwright who in 1668 was appointed England's first poet laureate.

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Other works

Dramatic works

- * The wild Gallant - comedy
- * The Rival Ladies, a Tragi-comedy
- * The Indian Queen
- * Annus Mirabilis - poem
- * Mac Flecknoe - 1682
- * Religio Laici - 1682
- * The Hind and the Panther - 1687



ALEXANDER POPE

Born - 21 May 1688

Died - 30 May 1744

Alexander Pope was an English poet, translator and satirist of the Enlightenment era who is considered one of the most prominent English poets of the early 18th century. An exponent of Augustan literature, Pope is best known for his satirical and discursive poetry, including *The Rape of the Lock*, *The Dunciad* and an *Essay on Criticism* and for his translations of Homer.

Major Works :-

Pastorals - 1709

An Essay on Criticism - 1711

Moral Essays - 1731 - 1735

Essay on Man

Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot - 1735

The Court Ballad.



SAMUEL JOHNSON

18 September 1709

13 December 1784

Samuel Johnson often called Dr Johnson was an English writer who made outstanding contributions as a poet, playwright, essayist, moralist, critic, biographer, editor and lexicographer. The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography calls him arguably the most distinguished man of letters in English history.

Birmingham Journal

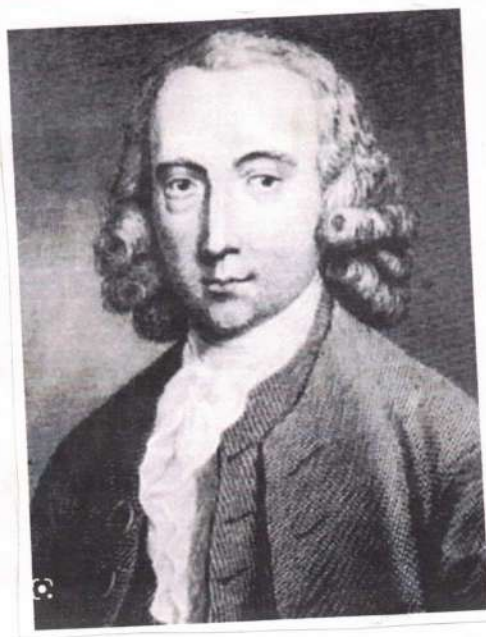
The Rambler

The Idler

The Patriot

The Vanity of human wishes irene

London



OLIVER GOLDSMITH

Born - 10 November 1728

Died - 4 April 1774

Oliver Goldsmith was an Anglo-Irish, playwright, dramatist and poet, who is best known for his novel his pastoral poem and his plays he is thought to have written the classic children tale.

Major works:

- * The vicar of Wakefield - novel
- * The Deserted village - poem
- * The Good-natur man - play
- * The history of little Goody Two shoes
- * The citizen of the world
- * The Hermit
- * The life of Richard Nash.



JOHN BUNYAN

November 30, 1628

August 31, 1688

John Bunyan was an English writer and puritan preacher best remembered as the author of the Christian allegory *The Pilgrim's Progress* which also became an influential literary model. In addition to *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Bunyan wrote nearly sixty titles, many of them expanded sermons.

The life and death of Mrs Badaman - 1680

The Holy war - 1682

Pilgrims progress part II

Grace Abounding to the chief of sinners



APHRA BEHN

Born - 14 December 1640

died - 16 April 1689

Aphra Behn was an English playwright, poet, prose writer and translator from the Restoration era. As one of the first English women to earn her living by her writing she broke cultural barriers and served as a literary role model for later generations of women authors. Rising from obscurity she came to the notice of Charles II who employed her as a spy in Antwerp.

Major works

- Plays
- * The Amorous prince
 - * The dutch lover
 - * The Rover
- Prose
- * The Fair Jilt
 - * Oroonoko
 - * The Jucky mistake



MARGARET CAVENDISH

Born - 1623

Died - 16 December 1673

Margaret Cavendish was an English philosopher, poet, scientist, fiction writer and playwright. Her husband William Cavendish 1st Duke of Newcastle-upon-Tyne was Royalist commander in northern England during the First English Civil War and in 1644 went into self-imposed exile in France.

Major works

- * Loves Adventure - play
- * The several wits - play
- * The public wooing
- * wits cabal
- * Authorial intent
- * mental spinning
- * poems and fancies.



ELIZABETH CARY

Born - 1585

died - 1639

occupation - poet, translator, dramatist

Elizabeth Cary was an English poet, dramatist, translator and historian. She is the first woman known to have written and published an original play in English, the Tragedy of Mariam, from an early age. She was recognized by her contemporaries as an accomplished scholar.

Major works

- * The Tragedy of Mariam
- * Reply the most illustrious cardinal of Perron
- * Wife and Jewess
- * Classic plays by woman



ANNE FINCH

Born - April 1661

Died - 5 August 1720

Occupation - poet and courtier

Anne Finch was an English poet and courtier. Finch's works often express a desire for respect as a female poet, lamenting her difficult position as a woman in the literary establishment and the court, while writing of political ideology, religious orientation and aesthetic sensibility.

Major works

- * The introduction
- * The spleen
- * on myself
- * To death
- * upon the death of King James the second
- * Free-thinkers



AMELIA LANYER

Born - 1569

Died - 1645

Amelia Lanyer was an English poet and the first woman in England to assert herself as a professional poet. Through her volume *Salve Deus Rex Judaeorum* attempts have been made to equate her with Shakespeare's *Dark Lady*. Amelia Lanyer's life appears in her letters, poetry and medical and legal in her letters, poetry and in source for the social contexts in which she lived.

Major Works

- * *Salve Deus Rex Judaeorum*
- * *The poems of Amelia Lanyer*
- * *Renaissance woman*
- * *The poem of Shakespeare*
- * *Invidious passion*



FANNY BURNEY

Born - 13 June 1752

Died - 6 January 1840

Fanny Burney and later Madame Arblay was an English satirical, novelist, diarist and playwright in 1786 - 1790 she had the poet as keeper of the Robes to Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, George Queen in 1793 aged 41 she married a French exile, General Alexandre Arblay. After a long writing career and wartime travels that stranded her in France.

Major works

- * The Mitlings
- * Hubert de Vere
- * Love and Fashion
- * A Busy day
- * The Woman hater
- * Gilberta.



ELIZABETH CARTER

Born - 16 december 1717

Died - 19 february 1806

occupation - poet, classicist, writer, translator

Elizabeth Carter was an English poet, classicist, writer, translator, linguist and polymath. as one of the Bluestocking circle that surrounded Elizabeth Montagu, she earned respect for the first English translation of the 2nd century Discourses of Epictetus she also published poems and translated from French and Italian.

other works

- * poems and several
- * A series of letters
- * Letters from Mrs Elizabeth
- * The moral discourses

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