

## BA Oral Exam Reading List

### English Literature

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**Choose any 3 periods. Substitutions within the same period are possible. Students must define their final exam reading list in consultation with their supervisor.**

**Poems should be taken from the Norton Anthology selection.**

#### The Sixteenth Century and the Early Seventeenth Century

- William Shakespeare, one comedy and one tragedy
- One play by Christopher Marlowe or Ben Jonson or Thomas Middleton or John Webster
- 3 poems by either Sir Philip Sidney, Edmund Spenser, William Shakespeare, John Donne, George Herbert, or Andrew Marvell
- John Milton, *Paradise Lost*, Book 1 or 9

#### The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century

- One play by either Aphra Behn, William Wycherly, William Congreve, John Gay, Oliver Goldsmith, or Richard Sheridan
- John Dryden, "An Essay of Dramatic Poesy" or Alexander Pope, "The Rape of the Lock" or Thomas Grey, "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"
- One novel by either Daniel Defoe, Jonathan Swift, Samuel Richardson, Henry Fielding, or Laurence Sterne

#### The Romantic Period

- William Blake, Selected Poems
- William Wordsworth, Selected Poems
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Selected Poems
- Lord Byron, Selected Poems
- Percy Bysshe Shelley, Selected Poems
- John Keats, Selected Poems
- One novel by Jane Austen or Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*

### The Victorian Age:

- Selected poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Robert Browning, Christina Rossetti or Gerard Manley Hopkins
- One novel by either Charlotte Bronte, Emily Bronte, Charles Dickens, William Makepeace Thackeray, or George Eliot

### Late Victorian and Edwardian Literature

- One novel by Thomas Hardy or Robert Louis Stevenson
- One play by Oscar Wilde or George Bernard Shaw
- One novel by Joseph Conrad or E. M. Forster
- Selected poems by Thomas Hardy, Wilfred Owen, or A. E. Housman

### Modernism

- One novel by either James Joyce, D. H. Lawrence, or Virginia Woolf
- Selected poems by T. S. Eliot or William Butler Yeats

### The Twentieth Century and After

- Selected poems by W. H. Auden, Philip Larkin, or Seamus Heaney
- One play by Samuel Beckett, Harold Pinter, or Tom Stoppard
- One novel by George Orwell or Salman Rushdie