

EPOCH 1

Creation to the Middle Ages

BRITISH SELECTIONS

ANGLO-SAXON AGE:

Authors Unknown

"The Seafarer"
Beowulf

Bede, Venerable (673-735)

The Ecclesiastical History of the English People (731)

MIDDLE AGES:

Authors Unknown

"Bonnie Barbara Allan" (Scottish Folk Ballad)
"Get Up and Bar the Door"

Chaucer, Geoffrey (1340-1400)

Canterbury Tales:
The Prologue,
The Nun's Priest's Tale,
The Pardoner's Tale

Author Unknown

Sir Gawain & the Green Knight (late 14th century)

WORLD SELECTIONS

SUMERIAN, EGYPTIAN & HEBREW:

Authors Unknown

Gilgamesh Epic
Enuma Elish
Papyrus of Ani: Egyptian Book of the Dead
Hymn to Osiris

ANCIENT GREECE (800 BC-300 BC):

Aeschylus (525-456 BC)

Agamemnon (from the Oresteia Trilogy)

Homer (8th Century BC)

Illiad (760 BC)
Odyssey (680 BC)

Herodtus (484-425 BC)

Histories (440 BC)

Sophocles (495-406 BC)

Oedipus Rex, also... Oedipus the King (428 BC)

Plato (424-348 BC)

The Death of Socrates (360 BC)
The Republic (360 BC)

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

The Rhetoric and Poetics (335 BC)

ANCIENT ROME (300 BC-500 AD):

Virgil (70-90 BC)

Aeneid (20 BC)

Aurelius, Marcus (121-180 AD)

Meditations (180 AD)

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY (30-500 AD):

Matthew recording the teachings of Jesus (30 AD)

The Sermon on the Mount

Author Unknown

Didache "Teaching" (early second century)
Teachings of the 12 Apostles

St. Clement I, Pope of Rome (Papacy: 88-99 AD)

Writings to the Church in Corinth

St. Justin Martyr (100-165 AD)

Writings

Author Unknown

The Martyrdom of Polycarp (mid 3rd Century)

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

Confessions (398 AD)

JAPANESE:

Ono no Komachi (825-900 AD)

Poems

Hitomaro, Kakinomoto (662-710 AD)

"In Praise of Empress Jito"
"I Loved Her Like the Leaves"

Shunrai, Minamoto no, also Toshiyori (1055-1129 AD)

Waka Poems

Shikibu, Izumi (974-1034 AD)

"*The Cuckoo*"

Shikubu, Murasaki (978-1016 AD)

The Tales of Genji

Shonagon, Sei (966-1017 AD)

Pillow Book

INDIAN:

Author Unknown (composed from ~4th century BC-500 AD)

The Bhagavad-Gâtâ- (from the *Mah-Bhrata*)

Bidpai (3rd century AD) – Hindu wise man

Panchatantra "Five Principles"

Mirabai (1498-1546) – Hindu Brahman Aristocrat

"Oh Friends on this Path"
"This Bundle of Suffering"

Mahadeviyakka (19th Century AD) - Hindu

"Other Men"
"It Was Like a Stream"

PERSIAN & ARABIC (600-1400 AD):

Mohammed (570-632 AD) – Arab Muslim

The Koran

Rabi'a al-Adawiyya (717-801 AD) - Iraqi

"In Love"
"Doorkeeper of the Heart"

Kassiane (810-867 AD) – Byzantine Christian Hymn Writer

"Hymn"
"Most Impartial Judge"

Omar Khayyam (1048-1131 AD) –Iranian

The Rubaiyat

CHINESE (1400 BC-1890 AD):

Confucius (551-479 BC)

The Analects (Sayings)

T'ao Ch'ien (365-427 BC)

"After the Ancients"

"Without All That Racket"

"Peach Blossom Spring"

Pan Zhao (48-117 AD)

"Needle and Thread"

Wang Wei (699-759 AD)

"Deer Forest Hermitage"

"Magnolia Hermitage"

"On Parting with Spring"

Li Po (701-762 AD)

"Drinking Alone with the Moon"

MIDDLE AGES (500-1500):

Author Unknown - Spanish

Poema del Cid (1140)

Dante, Alighieri (1265-1321) - Italian

Divine Comedy (The *Inferno* only)

Sor Juana Inéz de la Cruz (1651-1695) - Mexican

"May Heaven Serve as Plate for the Engraving"

"Yet if, for Singing your Praise"

