

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
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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