

Anglo-Saxon Reading List

Primary Texts

Literature of the Alfredian Period:

Alfred, *Preface to Pastoral Care*;
OE translation of *Consolation of Philosophy*

Asser, *Life of King Alfred*

Homilies:

Vercelli Homilies (Selections):

The Dream of the Rood

Soul and Body

Andreas

Cynewulf, *Fates of the Apostles* and *Elene*

Wulfstan, *Sermo Lupi ad Anglos*
De Falsis Deis

Saints' Legends:

Vita S. Guthberti

Aelfric, *Lives of Saints*

Cynewulf, *Juliana*

Guthlac A and B

Biblical Literature:

Junius MS: *Genesis*; *Exodus*; *Christ and Satan*

Judith (*Beowulf* MS)

Liturgical and Devotional Texts

Aldhelm, *De virginitate*

Alcuin, *De virtutibus et vitiis*

The Phoenix

OE Physiologus: *The Panther*; *The Whale*; *The Partridge*

Caedmon's Hymn

Legal, Scientific, and Scholastic Works

Wulfstan, *Institutes of Polity*

Alcuin, *Colloquy*

Wisdom Literature and Lyric Poetry:

Menologium

The Seafarer

The Wanderer

Wulf and Eadwacer

The Wife's Lament

The Husband's Message

The Ruin

The Riming Poem

Germanic Legend and Heroic Lay:

Beowulf

The Battle of Finnsburg

Deor

Widsith

The Battle of Maldon

The Battle of Brunanburh

Other:

The Letter of Alexander to Aristotle

Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (Selections)

The Encomium Emma Reginae

The Life of King Edward (Vita Aedwardi)

Durham

Secondary Texts:

Nicholas Howe, *Migration and Myth-Making in Anglo-Saxon England*

Peter Hunter Blair, *The World of Bede*

Thomas Bredehoft, *Textual Histories: Readings in the A-S Chronicle*

Allen Frantzen, *Desire for Origins*

Sebastian I. Sobecki, *The Sea and Medieval English Literature*

Michael Fox and Manish Sharma, eds. *Old English Literature and the Old Testament*

Dorothy Whitelock, *The Audience of Beowulf; The Beginnings of English Society*

Andy Orchard, *Pride and Prodigies: Studies in the Monsters of the Beowulf-Manuscript*

David Fowler, *The Bible in Early English Literature*

Peter Brown, *The Cult of Saints: Its Rise and Function in Latin Christianity*

Greenfield and Calder, *A New Critical History of Old English Literature*