

## England and the "Renaissance"

### Prose

Desiderius Erasmus

*Praise of Folly*

John Calvin

*Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Sir Thomas More

*A Dialogue Concerning Heresies*

William Tyndale

*Answer to More's Dialogue*

John Foxe

*Foxe's Book of Martyrs* (selections)

Richard Hooker

*Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* Book 1; Book 5

Sir Philip Sidney

*The Defense of Poesy*

1611 King James Bible

New Testament

William Allen

*An admonition to the nobility and people of England*

### Poetry

Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder

The long love that in my thought doth harbor & Petrarch, Rima 140; Whoso list to hunt & Petrarch Rima 190; They flee from me; Blame not my lute; Stand whoso list; Who list his wealth and ease retain;

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey

The soote season; Love that doth reign and live within my thought; Alas! So all things now do hold their peace & Petrarch Rima 164; So cruel prison how could betide; Wyatt resteth here, that quick could never rest;

Sir Philip Sidney

*Astrophel and Stella*

Edmund Spenser

*The Faerie Queen* (selections)

*Shepherd's Calendar*

Robert Herrick

(selections)

Andrew Marvell

(selections)

Henry Vaughan

(selections)

William Shakespeare

Sonnets

John Donne

The Flea; The Sun rising; The Canonization; The Bait; The Funeral; The Relic; Elegy 19; Holy Sonnets (all)

George Herbert

(Selections)

John Milton

Sonnets; On Shakespeare; L'Allegro; Il Penseroso  
*Paradise Lost*

**Drama**

Christopher Marlowe

*Doctor Faustus*

William Shakespeare

*Hamlet; Macbeth*

*King Lear; Othello*

*Merchant of Venice; Winter's Tale*

*Midsummer Night's Dream; Romeo and Juliet*

*Henry IV, parts I and II*

*Richard II; Richard III*

Ben Jonson

*The Alchemist*

Thomas Middleton

*The Changeling*

Secondary Reading:

C.S. Lewis, *English Literature in the Sixteenth Century, Excluding Drama*

Douglas Bush, *English Literature in the Earlier Seventeenth Century*

Eamon Duffy, *Stripping of the Altars*

Keith Thomas, *Religion and the Decline of Magic*

Stanley Fish *Surprised By Sin*

Debora Shuger *The Renaissance Bible*

Claire McEachern *Believing in Shakespeare*

Stephen Greenblatt, *Renaissance Self-Fashioning*

Robert Watson, *Back to Nature*

John Bossy, *Religion in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*