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 17th Century