

## 16th Century Reading List

### Prose:

DESIDERIUS ERASMUS (1466-1536)

*Praise of Folly*

NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI (1469-1527)

*The Prince* (trans. Bondanella)

BALDASSARE CASTIGLIONE (1478-1529)

*The Courtier* (Hoby's translation) in the Norton

THOMAS MORE (1478-1535)

*Utopia* in the Norton

HUGH LATIMER (1487-1555)

"Sermon on the Plough" in *Selected Sermons of Hugh Latimer*, ed. Alan Chester, 1968

THOMAS CRANMER (1489-1556)

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*A Defense of the True and Catholic Doctrine of the Sacrament* in Shuger, *Tudor-Christianity*

JOHN FOXE (c. 1516-1587)

*Foxe's Book of Martyrs*

GEORGE PUTTENHAM (1529-1590)

*The Art of English Poesy*

MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE (1533-1592)

*Essays* (Florio's translations)

RICHARD GREENHAM (1535?-1594?)

*Paramythion*, second treatise in Shuger, *Tudor-Christianity*

*The Book of Homilies* (1547, 1562, 1571)

PHILIP SIDNEY (1554-1586)

*The Defense of Poesy*

*The Old Arcadia*

RICHARD HOOKER (1554-1600)

*The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, Book 1 and 5

"The Certainty and Perpetuity of Faith in the Elect"

"A Learned Discourse of Justification"

First sermon in Shuger, *Tudor-Christianity*

JOHN LYLY (1554-1606)  
from *Eupheus: The Anatomy of Wit* (selection in Norton)

WILLIAM PERKINS (1558-1602)  
"How to Live, and that Well" in Shuger, *Tudor-Christianity*

JOHN UDALL (1560-1592)  
"Amendment of Life in Three Sermons" in Shuger, *Tudor-Christianity*

THOMAS NASHE (1567-1601)  
"Christ's Tears Over Jerusalem"  
*The Unfortunate Traveler*  
*Pierce Penniless*

*King James Bible* (1611)  
Genesis, Exodus, Songs of Solomon, Isaiah, Job, Luke, John, 1-2 Corinthians, Romans, Revelations

### **Drama:**

ANONYMOUS  
*Arden of Faversham*

NICHOLAS UDALL (1504-1556)  
*Ralph Roister Doister*

GEORGE GASCOIGNE (1535-1577)  
*Supposes*

GEORGE PEELE (1556-1596)  
*The Love of King David and Fair Bethsabe*

THOMAS KYD (1558-1594)  
*Spanish Tragedy*

ROBERT GREENE (1558-1592)  
*Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay*

CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE (1564-1593)  
*Dr. Faustus*  
*Jew of Malta*  
*Dido, Queen of Carthage*

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616)  
*Comedy of Errors*  
*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*  
*Richard III*  
*Taming of the Shrew*  
*Titus Andronicus*

*Love's Labor's Lost*  
*Richard II*  
*Henry IV, 1*  
*Henry IV, 2*  
*Henry V*  
*Much Ado About Nothing*  
*Twelfth Night*  
*As You Like It*

THOMAS DEKKER (1572-1632)  
*Shoemaker's Holiday*

### Poetry:

EDMUND SPENSER (1552-1599)  
*The Faerie Queene*

THOMAS WYATT (1503-1542)  
"The Long Love, That in My Thought Doth Harbor" (with Petrarch, Sonnet 140)  
"Whoso List to Hunt" (with Petrarch, Sonnet 190)  
"They Flee From Me"  
"Blame Not My Lute"  
"Stand Whoso List"

HENRY HOWARD, EARL OF SURREY (ca. 1516-1547)  
"Love that Doth Reign and Live within My Thought"  
"Alas, So All Things Now Do Hold Their Peace" (with Petrarch, Sonnet 164)  
"So Cruel Prison"  
"London, Hast Thou Accused Me"

ANNE LOCKE (1530-post 1590?)  
*A Meditation of a Penitent Sinner*

GEORGE GASCOIGNE (1535-1577)  
"Woodsmanship"

PHILIP SIDNEY (1554-1586)  
*Astrophil and Stella*

MARY SIDNEY HERBERT, COUNTESS OF PEMBROKE (1561-1621)  
Psalm 46  
Psalm 51  
Psalm 52  
Psalm 58  
Psalm 71  
Psalm 75  
Psalm 121  
Psalm 139

CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE (1564-1593)  
*Hero and Leander* (plus Chapman's edition)

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616)  
*Rape of Lucrece*  
*Venus and Adonis*  
*Sonnets*

### Secondary Readings:

C.S. Lewis, *English Literature in the Sixteenth Century* (1954)  
Keith Thomas, *Religion and the Decline of Magic* (1971)  
Richard Helgerson, *Forms of Nationhood* (1992)  
Debora Shuger, *Renaissance Bible* (1994)  
Robert Watson, *The Rest is Silence* (1994)  
Craig Muldrew, *The Economy of Obligation* (1998)  
Stephen Greenblatt, *Hamlet in Purgatory* (2001)  
A.R. Braunmuller and Michael Hattaway, *Cambridge Companion to Renaissance Drama*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2003)  
Sarah Beckwith, *Shakespeare and the Grammar of Forgiveness* (2011)  
Colin Burrow, *Shakespeare and Classical Antiquity* (2013)