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### York University

## Graduate Programme in English

## **Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature**

## Revised Reading List

Entries in the left hand column are texts remaining from the existing list. Entries in the right-hand column indicated additions.

The direction "from" indicates that the candidate should hav some acquaintance with the characteristic procedures and protocols of the text so designated.

#### 1660-1700

#### Drama

Davenant, William The Siege of Rhodes (1661)
Dryden, John Conquest of Granada I (1670)
Marriage à la Mode (1671)

\_\_\_\_. All for Love (1677)
George Villiers The Rehearsal (1671)

Wycherley, Will. The Country Wife (1675) or The Plain-Dealer (1676

Etherege, George The Man of Mode (1675) Behn, Aphra The Rover I (1677)

\_. The Lucky Chance (1685)

Lee, Nathaniel The Rival Queens (1677)
Otway, Thomas Venise Preserv'd (1682)
Cibber, Colley Love's Last Shift (1695)
Vanbrugh, John The Relapse (1696)

Trotter, Catherine The Fatal Friendship (1697)

Congreve, William the Way of the World (1700)

Manley, Delaiviere The royal Mischief (1697)

#### Deletions

Congreve, William The Mourning Bride Shadwell, Thomas The Squire of Alsatio

Southerne, Thomas Oroonoko (also one rather than two Wycherley plays).

### Poetry

Butler, Samuel Hudibras, Part I Dryden, John MacFlecknoe

Absolom and Achitophel

Religio Laici Alexander's Feast

Rochester Tunbridge Wells

(John Wilmot) Satyr Against Reason and Mankind

The Disabled Debauchee

Upon Nothing

**Upon Leaving His Mistress** 

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Specific suggestions of shorter poems appear too arbitrary even for a Examination Reading List. The Area Committee asks, then that the candidate acquaint her or himself with representative poems by:

Waller, Edmund Denham, John

Shadwell, Thomas (especially his satires)

Oldham, John (satires)

Cotton, Charles

Blackmore, Richard (from Prince Arthur)

Phillips, Katherine

Killgrew, Anne (including pastorals)

Bradstreet, Ann

A selection of poems by women is available in Germaine Greer, ed. *Kissing the Rod: An Anthology of 17th-Century Women's Verse*. London: Virago, 1988. A list of suggested titles for shorter poems by some of these writers is provided in the appendix to this list.

#### **Prose**

# **Prose Fiction**

Bunyan, John Pilgrim's Progress (1675) Behn, Aphra Oroonoko (1688)

Congreve, William Incognita (1691)

Life-Writing

Aubrey, John From *Brief Lives* Pepys, Samuel from the *Diary* 

Hutchinson, Lucy Memoirs of Col Hutchinson

(1806)

### **Conduct Books**

Cavendish Margaret from Sociable Letters (1664)

Halifax (George from Advice to a Daughter

Savile) (1688)

## Political and/or Philosophical Prose

Hobbes, Thomas Leviathan I & II

Locke, John Human Understanding "Epistle to the Reader" and Book II, III, or IV.

Astell, Mary Serious Proposal to the

Ladies

Harrington, James from Oceana
Filmer, Robert from Patriarcha
Locke, John from Two Treatises on

Government

## **Literary Criticism**

Dryden, John Essay of Dramatic Poesy

Of Heroic Plays

Discourse on ... Satire or Preface to The Fables

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Collier, Jeremy A Short View of the English Stage

Dennis, John The Usefulness of Stage

Deletions

Davenant Preface to Gondibert
Hobbes Answer to Davenant
Preface to the Odverge

Preface to the Odyssey

Rymer Short View of Tragedy

#### Scientific and Historical Prose

Clarendon, Edward from The History of the

Rebellion (1702-04)

Burnet, Thomas The Sacred Theory of the Earth,

Book I (1690)

Newton, Isaac from Opticks (1704)

### 1700-1750

## Drama

Rowe, Nicholas The Fair Penitent (1703)

Adison, Joseph Cato (1713)

Centlivre, Susannah The Wonder (1714)

Steele, Richard The Conscious Lovers (1722)
Gay, John The Beggar's Opera (1728)
Lillo, George The London Merchant (1731)

Fielding, Henry Tom Thumb (1731)
Garrick, David The Lying Valet (1741)

### Poetry

Pope, Alexander Rape of the Lock

Essay on Man Eloisa to Abelard Dunciad (4 books) Epistle to Arbuthnot

**Pastorals** 

Epistles to Several Persons

Essay on Criticism

Young, Edward Night Thoughts, I, IX

Thomson, James Winter

Johnson, Samuel Vanity of Human Wishes

London

On the Death of Robert Levet Prologue by Garrick, 1747 March 2002 Page 4 of 7

Gray, Thomas Stanzas Wrote in a Country Churchyard

Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard

Descent of Odin Fatal Sisters Progress of Poetry

Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat

Ode on Spring

Collins, William Ode to Evening

Ode to Liberty Ode Written in 1746

Ode on the Poetical Character

Ode to Fear

Ode on Popular Superstitions

Gay, John Trivia

The Birth of the Squire

Fables

The Shepherd's Week

Akenside, Mark Pleasures of the Imagination

Selected shorter poems by:

Swift, Jonathan

Philips, Ambrose (Pastorals)

Collier, Mary

Finch, Anne (especially her fables)

Rowe, Elizabeth Miss W- -

Wortley Montagu, Mary

Leapor, mary

Recommended Anthologies are: Roger Lonsdale, ed., *The New Oxford Book of Eighteenth-Century Verse*.

Roger Lonsdale, ed., *Eighteenth-Century Women Poets*. Oxford, 1989.

Prose Fiction

Manley, Delariviere from The New Atalantis (1709)

Defoe, Daniel Moll Flanders (1722) Swift, Jonathan Gulliver's Travels (1726)

Richardson, Samuel Pamela (174) Clarissa (1747-48)

Fielding, Henry Joseph Andrews or Tom Jones (1749)

Fielding, Sarah David Simple (1744) Smollett, Tobias Roderick Random (1748)

Haywood, Elize Betsy Thoughtless (1751)

Literary Criticism

Swift, Jonathan The Battle of the Books (1704)
Pope, Alexander Discourse on Pastoral (1709)

Peri Bathous (1727)

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## Political and Philosophical Prose

Swift, Jonathan Tale of a Tub (1704)

A Modest Proposal The Moralists (1711

Shaftesbury, Anthony

Ashley Cooper Mandeville, Bernard

Fable of the Bees I (1714)

Berkeley, George Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Phlanous (1713)

Life Writing

Manley, Dela, The Adventures of Rivella

Cibber, Colley

An Apology for the Life .. (1740)

Periodical-Writing

Addison & Steele Spectator 1-99, 160, 411-21

Haywood, Elize Female Spectator (1744-46)

Deletions

Pope, A. Iliad

Collins, W. Persian Eclogues
Pope, A. Preface to the Iliad
Dennis, John Grounds of Criticism

Addison & Steele Spectator (various individual numbers)

<u>1750-1800</u>

Drama

Cumberland, Richard
Goldsmith, Oliver
Sheridan, R.B.

The West Indian (1771)
She Stoops to Conquer (1773)
The School for Scandal (1777)

\_\_\_. The Critic (1779)

Holcroft, Thomas The Road to Ruin (1792) Baillie, Joanna De Monfort (1798)

Poetry

Smart, Christopher Jubilate Agno

A Sond to David

Goldsmith, Oliver The Deserted Village

The Traveller

Percy, Thomas from Reliques of Ancient English

Poetry (1765)

Blake, William Songs of Innocence and Experience

The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

The Book of Thel

Visions of the Daughters of Albion

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Cowper, William The Task I & II

> John Gilpin's Ride The Castaway

Slected shorter poems by:

Burns, Robert

Wordsworth, William (early works) Coleridge, Samule T. (early works)

Barbauld, Anna L.

Smith, Charlotte (sonnets)

Yearsley, Ann Baillie, joanna

Prose Fiction

Lennox, Charlotte The Female Quixote (1752) Scott, Sarah A Description of Millenium

Hall

Johnson, Samuel Rasselas (1759)

Sterne, Laurence Tristram Shandy (1759-67) Walpole, Horace Castle of Otranto (1764) Goldsmith, Oliver The Vicar of Wakefield (1766) Smollett, Tobias Humphrey Clinker \*1771) Mackenzie, Henry The Man of Feeling (1771)

Burney, Frances Evelina (1778) Beckford, William Vathek (1786)

> Wollstonecraft, Mary Mary, a Fiction (1788) A Simple Story (1791)

Inchbald, Elizabeth

Godwin, William Caleb Williams (1794)

Radcliffe, Ann The Mysteries of Udolpho (1794)

Lewis, Matthew The Monk (1796)

> Hays, Mary Memoirs of Emma Courtney

> > (1796)

Badge, Robert Hermsprong (1796)

Literary Criticism

Young, Edward Conjectures on Original Composition Johnson, Samuel Preface to Shakespeare (1765)

Preface to The Dictionary (1755)

Blair, Hugh Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres (1784) Hurd, Richard Letters on Chivalry and Romance (1762)

Life-Writing

Johnson, Samuel from Lives of the Poets (1779-81)

Boswell, James Life of Johnson (1791)

> Worley Montagu, M. Embassy Letter (1763?) Piozzi, Hester Thraliana (1786)

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## Philosophical and Political Prose

Burke, Edmund Sublime and Beautiful (1757)

From Reflections on the Revolution (1790)

Letter to a Noble Lord (1796)

Hume, David Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion (1779)

Reynolds, Joshua Discourses III & VII

More, Hannah from Cheap Repository Tracts

(1796-98)

Wollstonecraft, M. Vindication of the Rights of

Women (1792)

# Conduct Books

Chesterfield, P. Letters to his Son (1774)

Stanhope, Lord

Chapone, Hester Letters on the Improvement of

Mind (1773)

## Scientific and Histsorical Writing

Gibbon, Edward Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Ch. 1-4, 15, 16 (1776-88)

Darwin, Erasmus from the Botanic Garden

(1789-91)

## Deletions

Coleman, G. The Jealous Wife

Sheridan, R.B. The Rivals

Smart, C. The Power of the Supreme Being

Blake, W. America, a Prophecy

Cowper, W. The Task IV

The Poplar Field

Lowth, R. Sacred Poetry of the Hebrews Warton, J. Genius and Writings of Pope Blair, Hugh Dissertation on Ossian

Burke, E. Letter to the Sherriffs of Bristol