

**2017 ACE Quiz Bowl Camp**  
**World Literature**  
**Instructor: Kara Combs**

**English Authors**

**1. Charles Dickens**

- *Great Expectations*
  - About Pip
    - Pip's benefactor: Abel Magwitch
    - Loves: Estella (marries Bentley Drummle)
  - Miss Havisham adopts Pip (wears wedding dress)
    - Lives in the Satis House together
      - room where all the clocks are stopped
    - Havisham is abandoned by Compeyson
  - Pip meets Herbert Pocket in London
  - Dolge Orlick attacks Pip with a hammer
  - "The Tickler" is a torture item
- *A Christmas Carol*
  - About Ebenezer Scrooge who is visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, and Future
  - Jacob Marley's ghost visits
  - Bob Cratchet works as a clerk for Scrooge
    - Bob's son is Tiny Tim who is terminally ill
  - Mr. Fezziwig is Scrooge's first boss
- *David Copperfield*
  - Semi-autobiographical
  - David:
    - marries Agnes Wickfield
    - brings downfall of Uriah Heep (Mr Micawber helps)
    - Stepfather: Edward Murdstone
    - Loves and marries Dora Spenlow (but she dies)
    - School: Salem House (Headmaster: Mr. Creakle)
    - Aunt: Betsy Trotwood
    - Befriends Tommy Traddles
  - Ham's fiancée marries Little Emily
- *A Tale of Two Cities*
  - Opens: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"
    - About Paris and London
  - Sydney Carton dies in the place of Charles Darnay
    - Quote: "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done."
  - Sydney and Charles both love Lucie Manette (But she chooses Charles)
  - Madame DeFarge wants to kill Lucie
  - Miss Pross ends up shooting DeFarge
  - Marquis de Evremonde runs over child with carriage, gives the family a coin in compensation
    - Father of child, Gaspard, kills Marquis de Evremonde
  - Jerry Cruncher (aka "Resurrection Man") digs up graves to sell body parts
    - Works at Tellson's Bank

- Dr. Manette is obsessed with making shoes
  - Woman knits names of those condemned to the guillotine into a quilt
  - Jarvis Lorry is a character
- *Oliver Twist*
  - Orphan asks, "Please sir, can I have some more?"
  - Fagin leads pickpocketing group
  - Jack Dawkins is the Artful Dodger
  - Bill Sikes murders girlfriend, Nancy (prostitute)
  - Oliver is an apprentice to Mr. Sowerberry
  - Oliver stays with Mr. Brownlow
  - Monks has a locket of Oliver's mom
    - Turns out to be half brothers
  - Oliver beats up Noah Claypole
- *Pickwick Papers*
  - Narrator: Sam Weller
  - People in the group: Augustus Snodgrass, Nathaniel Winkle, and Tracy Tupman
- *The Old Curiosity Shop*
  - About eviction of Nell Trent and her grandpa from the title establishment due to his gambling problem
    - Daniel Quilp buys the shop
- *Bleak House*
  - About the case of *Jarndyce v. Jarndyce*
- Other works: *Hard Times*, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Barnaby Rudge* (features Grip the Raven which inspired Poe)

## 2. Henry James (American born British author)

- *The Turn of the Screw*
  - About Flora and Miles
  - Miss Jessel and Peter Quint's ghosts haunt
  - Unnamed governess at Bly Estate
  - Flora goes to live with Uncle at end
  - Douglas narrates part of it while at a party
- *The Portrait of a Lady*
  - About Isabel Archer
    - Husband: Gilbert Osmond
      - Has affair with madame Merle
    - Suitors: Caspar Goodwood and Lord Warburton
  - Isabel's friend: Henrietta Stackpole
- *Daisy Miller*
  - Frederick Winterbourne loves
  - Daisy dies of Roman Fever
  - Daisy also walks around the colosseum with Viecelli
  - Daisy goes to Chillon Cathedral (or Chateau De Chillon)
- *The Ambassadors*
  - Lambert Strether goes to Paris to find Chad Newsome
  - Lambert talks to "Little Bilham"

- Other: *The Golden Bowl* (Maggie and Amerigo Verver), *The Bostonians* (Verena Tarrant and Basil Ransom), “Paste” (reversal of “The Necklace”) *The Beast in the Jungle*, *The American*, *The Spoils of Poynton*, *Roderick Ransom*

### 3. William Makepeace Thackeray

- *Vanity Fair*
  - Name from *Pilgrim’s Progress* (where Faithful is convicted)
  - Considered to be a “novel without a hero”
  - About Amelia Sedley and Becky Sharp
  - George Osborne marries Amelia but dies at the Battle of Waterloo
    - Re-marries William Dobbin
  - Rawdon Crawley marries Becky Sharp
  - Amelia and Becky went to Miss Pinkerton’s Academy for Girls
  - Becky gets Jos to take out insurance on himself, and she plans to murder him
  - Becky also has affairs with Jos and Lord marquis of Steyne
  - Ends: “Which of us is happy in the world?”
  - Gardener: Raggles
  - Dictionary is flung out of carriage
  - One character plays Clytemnestra during a game of Charades
- Other: *The Virginians* (Pandemis and Warrington), *The Luck of Barry Lyndon*

### 4. A. E. Housman

- *A Shropshire Lad* (poetry collection)
- “To an Athlete Dying Young”
  - “The time you won your town the race / We chaired you through the marketplace”
- “When I was One and Twenty”
  - “Give crowns and pounds and guineas / but not your heart away”
- “Terence, this is stupid stuff”
  - “Malt does more than Milton can / to justify God’ ways to man”
  - “Mithridates, he died old”
- Other: “Loveliest of Trees, the Cherry Now,” “One Wenlock Edge”
- Lover of Moses Jackson

### 5. Joseph Conrad (Is actually a Polish author, but lived in Britain)

- *Heart of Darkness*
  - Mr. Kurtz is an ivory trader near the Congo River in Africa
    - His last words are, “The horror, the horror!”
      - Fiancé is told that his last words were her name
  - Marlow searches for Mr. Kurtz
  - Frame story on the Nellie which is sailing down the Thames
  - Mr. Kurtz writes “Exterminate all the Brutes!” on a pamphlet for the International Society for the Suppression of Savage Customs
  - Chinua Achebe called Conrad a “Bloody Racist” in a response to this book in his *An Image of Africa*
  - Character paints a blindfolded woman carrying a torch
- *Lord Jim*
  - Jim abandons the ship, Patna
  - Narrated by Marlow

- Other: *The Secret Agent* (Adolf Verloc blows up the Greenwich Observatory), *Nostramo* (Charles Could, dictatorship of Costaguana), “The Secret Sharer,” *Under Western Eyes*, *Almayer's Folly*

## 6. Thomas Hardy

- Set many works in the fiction area “Wessex”
- *Tess of the d'Urberville*
  - Subtitle: A Pure Woman Faithfully Presented
  - Angel Clare loves Tess (but goes to live in Brazil because she is not a virgin)
    - Marries Liza-lu, sister of Tess, after Tess is arrested
  - Alec rapes Tess and the son dies after birth
  - Tess works at a dairy farm with Retty Priddle and Izz Huett
  - Tess is found sleeping on an altar at The Stonehenge
  - A black flag symbolizes Tess's death
  - Prince, the family horse, dies
  - Rooster crows during middle of Tess's wedding day (with Angel) which is a bad omen
- *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
  - Michael Henchard is the title figure
    - Wife: Susan
    - Daughter: Elizabeth Jane
  - Michael becomes drunk and ends up selling his wife and daughter
  - Michael goes on a “skimmity ride” with mistress, Lucetta Templeman
  - Michael does not want people to remember him
    - *Jude the Obscure*
  - Last completed novel, about title stonemason
    - First wife: Arabella Don
    - Second wife: Sue Brideshead
      - Son with Jude: “Little Father Time”
        - Kills self and two infant half siblings
- *Far from the Madding Crowd*
  - Bathsheba Everdene and Gabriel Oak
  - Farmer Boldwood shoots Sergeant Troy
  - Fanny Robin dies
- *The Return of the Native*
  - Clym Yeobright living in Egdon Heath (in Wessex)
- “The Darkling Thrush”
  - “Leant upon a coppice fate”
- “The Convergence of the Twain”
  - About the titanic crashing
- Other: “Channel Firing” (poem about WWI), “Hap” (“Some vengeful god”), *The Woodlanders*, *Pace* (retelling of “The Gift of the Magi”)

## 7. William Golding

- *The Lord of the Flies*
  - English school boys become stranded on an island after a plane crash
  - Ralph is the leader and has a conch shell due to this status
  - Jack is a rival of Ralph and creates separate group
  - Piggy has glasses and is crushed by a boulder

- Twins, Sam and Eric, are occasionally called “Samneric”
  - Roger lets the boulder crush Piggy and tortures the twins
  - Simon is mistaken for “The Beast” and hallucinates about a pig’s head
  - Dead parachutist is also mistaken for “The Beast” - found by Simon
  - Boy has a mulberry colored birthmark
- Other: *Pincher Martin*, *The Inheritors*, *Rites of Passage*

## 8. Daniel Defoe

- *Robinson Crusoe*
  - He is shipwrecked and meets a cannibal he names “Friday”
  - Based on Alexander Selkirk
  - Xury is captured by pirates and sold into slavery
  - Island of Despair is a location
  - Robinson fight wolves in the Pyrenees
  - Coetzee wrote “Foe” as a retelling of this novel.
- *Moll Flanders*
  - About a con woman sent to Newgate Prison
- *A Journal of the Plague Year*
- Other: *The Shorted Day with the Dissenters*, *Roxanna*

## 9. Percy Shelley

- “Ozymandias”
  - Sculpture of an Egyptian pharaoh
  - “Look upon my works, ye mighty and despair”
  - “Two vast and trunkless legs of stone stand in the desert”
  - “Traveler from an antique land”
  - “Sneer of cold command”
  - Also the name of a poem by Horace Smith
- “Adonais”
  - Subtitle: “An Elegy on the Death of John Keats”
  - “I weep for [title character], for he is dead”
- “Ode to the West Wind”
  - To “breath of Autumn’s being”
  - “If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”
  - “Destroyer and preserver”
  - “Drive my dead thoughts over the Universe”
- “To a Skylark”
  - Hail to thee, blithe spirit”
  - “Teach me half the gladness / that thy brain must know”
- Other: *Hymn to Intellectual Beauty*, *The Masque of Anarchy* (about Peterloo massacre), *Prometheus Unbound*, “The Necessity of Atheism” (wrote with Thomas Hogg), “Defense of Poetry,” “The Revolt of Islam”

## 10. Robert Browning

- “My Last Duchess”
  - Duke of Ferrara talks about the title figure
  - Fra Pandolf is an artist
  - Title character had a “heart too soon made glad”

- Ferrara has a “nine hundred years old name”
  - Claus of Innsbruck statue of Neptune taming a seahorse
- “Porphyria's Lover” - Strangles title character
- “Rabbi Ben Ezra” - “Grow old along with me!”
- Other: “Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister,” “Fra Lippo Lippi,” “Pippa Passes,” “Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came,” “Andrea del Sarto,” “Caliban upon Setebos,” *Men and Women* (collection)
- Wife: Elizabeth Browning (also a poet)

## 11. Matthew Arnold

- “Dover Beach”
  - “Where ignorant armies clash by night”
  - “Ah, let us be true to one another”
  - “Darkling plain”
  - “The sea is calm tonight” - opens
  - “Sophocles long ago / heard it on the Aegean”
  - “Eternal note of sadness”
- “Thyrsis” - Commemorates Arthur Hugh Clough
- “The Scholar-Gypsy” - inspired by Joseph Glanvil
- Other: “To Marguerite” / Marguerite Poems, “Balder Dead”

## 12. George Eliot (aka Mary Anne Evans)

- *Middlemarch: A Study of Provincial Life*
  - About Dorothea Brooke
    - Marries Will Ladislaw (second husband)
    - Originally marries Edward Casaubon
      - Doesn't want to let Dorothea marry Will unless she doesn't want to be in Edward's will
  - Edward writes: “The Key to All Mythologies”
  - Dr. Tertius Lydgate has financial issues
  - Nicholas Bulstrode is an unhappy banker
    - Blackmailed By John Raffles
  - Fred Vincy marries Mary Farth
- *Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe*
  - Silas adopts the orphan, Eppie
    - Eppie marries Aaron Winthrop
    - Godfrey Cass is Eppie's dad
  - Dunstan Cass steals a hoard of gold from Silas
  - Silas lives in the Lantern Village
  - Wildfire is a crippled horse
- *The Mill of the Floss*
  - Maggie and Tom Tulliver (siblings) drown in a flood
  - Takes place near St. Ogg's
  - Philip Wakem buys the Mill
    - *Adam Bede*
  - Hetty Sorrel
- Other: *Daniel Deronda*, *Felix Holt*, “The Lifted Veil”

## 13. Harold Pinter

- *The Dumb Waiter*
  - About the hitmen, Ben and Gus
    - Ben is tasked to kill Gus (revealed at end)
  - Ends with a whisper through a speaking tube
  - Wilson is a character who never appears
- *The Birthday Party*
  - About Stanley Weber
    - Kidnapped by Goldberg and McCann
- Other: *The Caretaker*, *The Homecoming*, *Betrayal*, *Ashes to Ashes*

#### 14. D. H. Lawrence

- *Lady Chatterley's Lover*
  - About Constance/Connie
    - Has affair with the gamekeeper, Oliver Mellors
    - Husband: Clifford - paralyzed from WWI
  - Oliver's wife is Bertha Coutts
  - Subject to an obscenity trial
  - Estate: Wragby
  - Duncan Forbes is an artist who is also a lover of Connie
  - Connie also has an affair with Michaelis, Irish writer
    - *Sons and Lovers*
  - About Paul Morel
    - Gives mother, Gertrude, a lethal dose of morphine
    - Breaks up with Clara Dawes after killing mother
- Other: "The Rocking-Horse Winner," *Odour of Chrysanthemums*, *Women in Love* (sequel to *The Rainbow*)

#### 15. Virginia Woolf

- *To the Lighthouse*
  - About the Ramsay family
    - Cam, James, Mr. Ramsay goes to the title structure at the end
  - Lily Bristow finishes portrait of Mrs. Ramsay (mom)
  - Prue Ramsay dies in childbirth
  - Andrew Ramsay dies in WWI
  - Paul Rayle and Minta Doyle get engaged
  - Takes place on the Isle of Skye
  - Second section is called "Time Passes"
  - August Carmichael is an opium-addict poet who asks for a second bowl of soup
  - Charles Tansley says a woman can't be artistic
  - Mr. Ramsay can only go to Q in the alphabet and recite "The Charge of the Light Brigade"
- *Mrs. Dalloway*
  - Title character is Clarissa who throws a party
    - During which Septimus Smith commits suicide and jumps out a window
  - Clarissa remembers when he kissed Sally Seton
    - Also regrets not marrying Peter Walsh
  - Miss Doris Kilman is the teacher of Elizabeth (Clarissa's daughter)
  - Smith often thought about friend, Commander Evans

- *Orlando*
  - Chronicles the 300+ years of the author of “The Oak Tree”
  - Changes from man to woman
- *A Room of One’s Own*
  - Imagines Judith, sister of Shakespeare, who would not be as successful as her brother
- Other: *Jacob’s Room*, *The Waves*, *Flush* (about Elizabeth Browning’s dog), *Night and Day*, *Between the Acts*

## 16. John Milton

- *Paradise Lost*
  - Adam and Eve are banished from Eden by the Archangel Michael
  - Purpose is to “justify the ways of God to man”
  - “Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heaven” - Satan
  - Pandemonium is built by devils (Belial, Moloch, Beelzebub)
  - Two character described as walking “hand and hand” and that they have the world “all before them”
- *Areopagitica*
  - Named for Athenian hill and advocates for free speech
- “On His Blindness” / “When I Consider How My Life is Spent” - sonnet
- “Lycidas” - elegy for Edward King who drown
- “Il Penseroso” - “Divinest Melancholy”
- Other: “L’Allegro,” “Samson Agonistes” (“Eyeless in Gaza”), *Comus*, “On the Late Massacre in Piedmont”
- William Blake wrote “Milton, a Poem”

## 17. Andrew Marvell

- “To His Coy Mistress”
  - “Had we but world enough and time”
  - Speaker hears “Time’s winged chariot hurrying near”
  - Speaker would wait until the “conversion of the Jews”
  - “Vegetable love should grow vaster than Empires and more slow”
  - “Let us roll all our strength and al our sweetness into one ball”
  - “The grave’s a fine and private place but none I think do there embrace”
  - “Iron gates of life”
- “An Horatian Ode Upon Cromwell’s Return From Ireland”
  - “A Caesar ere long to Gaul, To Italy, an Hannibal”
- Other: “The Garden,” *Upon Appleton House* (Thomas Fairfax’s house), Four poems about the Mower

## 18. Jane Austen

- *Pride and Prejudice*
  - About the Bennet family (Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Catherine aka “Kitty,” Lydia)
  - Main character: Elizabeth Bennet
    - Marries Mr. Darcy
      - Aunt: Lady Catherine de Bourgh
  - Elizabeth’s sister, Lydia marries Mr. Wickham
  - Charlotte Lucas, friend of Elizabeth, marries Mr. Collins
  - Jane marries Mr. Bingley



- Ball takes place at Netherfield
  - Set in the fictional town of Meryton
- *Emma*
  - Emma Woodhouse attempts to be a matchmaker
    - Ends up marrying Mr. Knightley
  - Frank Churchill marries Jane Fairfax
  - Emma's talkative Aunt: Miss Bates
  - Piano possibly sent by Colonel Campbell
- *Sense and Sensibility*
  - About the Dashwood sisters, Elinor and Marianne
  - Edward Ferrars married Elinor
  - Colonel Brandon marries Marianne
  - Lucy Steele is secretly engaged to Edward
  - John Willoughby impregnates Eliza Williams and then abandons her
- *Mansfield Park*
  - About Fanny Price
    - Marries Edmund Bertram
    - Turns down Henry Crawford
  - Maria leaves her husband, Mr. Rushworth, for Henry
  - Elizabeth Inchbald's *Lovers' Vows* is performed
- *Love and Freindship*
  - Made up by letters to Isabel, Marianne, and Laura
- Other: *Persuasion*, *Northanger Abbey*

## 19. Geoffrey Chaucer

- *The Canterbury Tales*
  - Stories told by a group of pilgrims traveling to the shrine of Thomas a Beckett
  - Partially takes place at the Tabard Inn
  - Begins with the General Prologue
  - The Knight's Tale (the first one): About how Arcite and Palamon fight over Emily
  - Pardoner's Tale: three men attempt to kill death
  - The Wife of Bath's Tale: knight tasked with attempting to figure out what women want most. It turns out to be power over their husbands and their lives.
  - The Miller's Tale: Nicholas wants to get with Alisoun, his landlord's wife. Nicholas convinces the landlord, John, to stay in a hanging bathtub until the second flood comes. Absolon also loves Alisoun and attempts to sleep with her. Absolon ends up branding Nicholas.

## 20. T. S. Eliot (could be considered American - moved from US to Britain and denounced US citizenship)

- *The Wasteland*
  - "April is the cruellest month."
  - Ends: "Shantih, Shantih, Shantih"
  - Sections:
    - 1. The Burial of the Dead
    - 2. A Game of Chess
    - 3. The Fire Sermon
    - 4. Death by Water
    - 5. What the Thunder Said

- Character: Phlebas the Phoenician
- *The Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock*
  - “Let us go then, you and I”
  - Asks “Do I dare each a peach?”
  - Talks about how the “woman come and go / talking of Michelangelo”
  - Speaker has measured out his life in coffee spoons
  - Says he is not Prince Hamlet
- *The Hollow Men*
  - “This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but with a whimper”
  - “Here we go around the prickly pear”
  - “Mistah Kurtz, he dead”
- Other: *Gerontion*, *The Four Quartets*, *Murder in the Cathedral*, *Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats*, *Ash Wednesday*

## 21. Kazuo Ishiguro (Japanese descent, but lived in Britain)

- *The Remains of the Day*
  - About the butler, Stephens, who journeys to visit Mrs. Kenton in Little Compton
  - Mr. Faraday inspires Stephens’ “Bantering Skills”
  - Lord Darlington is a Nazi Sympathizer
  - Von Ribbentrop meets with a prime minister in this work
    - Stephens’s dad dies during this time
  - Stephens gives Reginald Cardinal “The Talk”
  - Harry Smith speaks about the dignity of the common man
- Other: *The Unconsoled* (Pianist, Ryder, gets amnesia), *Never Let Me Go* (Kathy Tommy are raised to be organ donors), *When We Were Orphans* (Christopher Banks), *An Artist of the Floating World* (Masuji Ono)

## 22. H.G. Wells

- *The Time Machine*
  - Unnamed protagonist travels to the future
  - Society made up of Morlocks (ape-like) and Eloi (relatively peaceful)
  - Saves companion, Weena, from drowning but she gets caught in an accidental fire
  - Reveals his journey to people at a dinner party (one being Filby)
    - Verifies his story by pulling two flowers out of his pocket (flowers from a trip when walking to the Palace of Green Porcelain)
- *The Invisible Man*
  - About Griffin who changes his body’s refractive index and then starts committing crimes (called “Reign of Terror”)
  - Dr. Kemp, a former friend, is a scientist (helps with the killing of Griffin)
  - Griffin makes Thomas Marvel, a tramp, become his assist
- *The War of the Worlds*
  - Invaders from Mars destroy Earth
  - Read over the radio by Orson Welles (creator of *Citizen Kane*)
- Other: *The Island of Doctor Moreau* (Edward Prendick creates half-animal, half-human hybrids), *Tono-Bungay* (George Penderovo)

## 23. Elizabeth Barrett Browning

- Wife of Robert Browning

- *Sonnets from the Portuguese*
  - "How do I love thee, let me count the ways"
  - "Yes, Call me by my pet name"
- *Aurora Leigh*
- Other: "Casa Guidi Windows" (named for the house that Robert and Elizabeth lived in)

## 24. Lord Byron

- *Don Juan*
  - Satirical piece in ottava rima (rhyming scheme)
  - Sent away by father due to Don Juan having an affair with a friend of his mother
  - Lelia is a Muslim girl he rescues
  - He meets Catherine the Great after joining the Russian army
  - Lambro, pirate, captures Don Juan
  - Dedicated to Robert Southey (mockingly)
    - *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*
  - First example of a "Byronic hero"
    - "She Walks in Beauty"
  - Said to move "like the night"
  - Compared to "cloudless climes and starry skies,"
  - "nameless grace which waves in every raven tress."
- Other: *The Prisoner of Chillon*, *The Destruction of Sennacherib*, *So we'll go no more a roving*
- Fought and died in the Greek War of Independence

### Other Authors to Look Up:

- William Shakespeare (Too many to list)
- Aldous Huxley (*Brave New World*, *Chrome Yellow*, *Eyeless in Gaza*)
- C. S. Lewis (*The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Screwtape Letters*)
- Mary Shelley (*Frankenstein*)
- Bram Stoker (*Dracula*)
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (*The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *A Study in Scarlet*, things about Sherlock Holmes)
- Graham Greene (*The Power and the Glory*, *Our Man in Havana*)

## German Authors

### 25. Thomas Mann

- *Death in Venice*
  - Gustav von Aschenbach follows the Polish boy, Tadzio
  - Gustav dies after eating ripe strawberries
  - Cholera epidemic on Lido Beach
  - Tadzio visits with Jasiu
  - A trunk is accidentally sent to Como
  - Gustav wrote an epic about Frederick the Great
- *The Magic Mountain*
  - About Hans Castorp who goes in a Swiss Sanatorium
  - Castorp's cousin: Joachim Ziemssen
  - Leo Natha and Settembrini debates
  - Witches kill children in chapter: Snow
- *Buddenbrooks*

- About a merchant family
- Other: *Doktor Faustus*, *Confessions of Felix Krull*, *Tonio Kroger*, *The Black Swan* (Rosalie dies from a uterus tumor), *Goethe and Tolstoy*

## 26. Gunter Grass

- *The Tin Drum*
  - About Oskar Matzerath (considered to be an “unreliable narrator”)
  - First book in the Danzig trilogy (*Cat and Mouse* and *Dog Years* follow)
  - Oskar can shatter glass with his voice and refuses to grow up after the age of three
  - Oskar and Maria Truczinski are the father of Kurt
  - Oskar is accused of killing Sister Dorothea (finds her finger)
  - Alfred die by swallowing Nazi pin
  - “Rhine River Three” - music group of Oskar, Klepp, and Scholle
    - Plays in the “Onion Cellar”
  - Agnes (Oskar’s mom) dies from a fish-only diet and watches eels being pulled from a dead horse
  - Joseph Kolaczek marries Oskar’s grandmother after hiding under her five skirts
  - Jan Bronski steals necklace fro Agnes
  - Gang called “The Dusters”
  - Herbert Truczinski attempts to impregnate a ship head, Niobe
- *Cat and Mouse*
  - Joachim “The Great” Mahlke has a large Adam’s apple
    - Steals an Iron Cross medal and gets one
- *Crabwalk*
  - Wilhelm Gustloff sinks
  - Paul Pokriefke narrates
- *Dog Years*
  - Walter Matern
  - Eduard “Eddi” Amsel makes great scarecrows
- Other: *The Flounder* (nine cook’s stories), *The Meeting at Telgte* (Simon Dach hosts), *Peeling the Onion*(memoir about being in SS), *The Call of the Toad* (Alexander and Alexandra buys graves), *The Rat* (animal sets off bombs)

## 27. Hermann Hesse

- *Steppenwolf*
  - About Harry Haller (and his canine nature)
  - Harry stabs Hermine at the Magic Theater
    - Harry see Pablo (saxophonist) with Hermine
  - Above the doorway of the Magic Theater is “For Madmen Only”
    - Includes a “Hall of Mirrors”
  - Harry talks to Pablo about Mozart
  - The “Immortals” write a treatise on Harry
    - States that even though he can be immortal he will commit suicide on his 50th birthday
  - Black Eagle bar
- *Sidhartha*
  - About title Brahmin, parallels the Buddha
  - Best friend: Govinda

- Marries Kamala (dies of a snake bite)
  - Replaces ferryman, Vasudeva
  - Becomes a merchant under Kamaswami
- *The Glass Bead Game*
  - About Master Ludi (Joseph Knecht becomes)
  - Set in Castalia
- *Demian*
  - Emil Sinclair's youth
  - Alternative interpretation of Cain and Abel
- Other: *Beneath the Wheel, Narcissus and Goldmund, Journey to the East*

## 28. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

- Movement: Sturm and Drang
- *Faust*
  - Scholar sells his soul to the devil, Mephistopheles, in order to gain unlimited information
    - Signs contract with his blood
  - Gretchen is Faust's love interest, but she goes insane (due to drowning baby)
  - Begins with a prologue in Heaven about a wager
  - Faust is followed home by a black poodle who turns into Mephistopheles
  - Faust attends Walpurgis Night (not to be confused with a chapter in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*)
  - Gretchen's Brother, Valentin, is killed by Faust in a sword fight
  - Gretchen kills mom with a sleeping potion
  - Faust has son with Helen of Troy named Euphorion
  - Wagner attempts to create a human called the Homunculus
  - Faust visits "Eternal Feminine" (clue for Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand*)
- *The Sorrows of Young Werther*
  - Epistolary work (told through letters)
  - Werther loves Charlotte aka "Lotte"
    - But Lotte is engaged to Albert
  - Book inspire massive, widespread suicides
  - Werther borrows two pistols from Albert to shoot himself
  - Henry Heinrich gathers nose-gays for an imaginary mistress
- *Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship*
  - *Journeyman Years* is the sequel
  - Meister is a member of the Tower Society
- Other: "The Erl-King" (kills a child, work by Schubert), *Elective Affinities, Egmont, Gotz von Berlichingen, Italian Journey*

## 29. Friedrich von Schiller

- *The Robbers*
  - About Franz and Karl von Moor
- *William Tell*
  - Governor Gessler makes William Tell to shoot an apple off his son's, Jeremy, head
  - Best friend: Arnold Melchtal, wife: Hedwig
  - Basis for opera by Rossini
- *Ode to Joy*
  - Used in Beethoven's Ninth symphony

- Other: The Wallenstein Trilogy, *The Piccolomini*, *Don Carlos*, *Intrigue and Love*, *Mary Stuart*, *The Maid of Orleans*

### **Other Authors to Look Up:**

- Erich Maria Remarque (*All Quiet on the Western Front*)
- Rainer Maria Rilke (*Duino Elegies*)
- Heinrich Heine (part of the Young Germany movement; many works set to music by Schumann and Schubert)
- Heinrich Boll (*Billiards at Half-Past Nine*)

## **French Authors**

### **30. Gustave Flaubert**

- *Madame Bovary*
  - Title character: Emma
    - Husband: Charles (surgent)
    - Sallows arsenic because in debt (A blind man is by her)
  - Emma has affair with Leon Dupuis (plays piano) and Rodolphe Boulanger
  - Charles botches Hippolyte's clubfoot (Dr. Canivet amputates)
  - Homais is a rival pharmacist (receives Legion of Honor)
  - Emma and Charles move from Testes to Yonville
  - Emma's child, Bethe is orphaned and sent to work in a cotton factory
  - Charles first married Heloise Dubuc
  - Emma goes to see a performance of Lucia di Lammermoor
- *Salambo*
  - Daughter of Hamilcar Barca
  - The Zaimph (deadly veil) is stolen by Matho
  - Spendius is a slave
- *The Sentimental Education*
  - Frederic Moreau has an affair with Madame Arnoux
    - Frederic's friend: Charles Deslaurier
- "A Simple Heart"
  - Felicite loves the parrot, Loulou
  - Julian Barnes wrote about parrot

### **31. Albert Camus (French-Algerian author)**

- *The Stranger*
  - Meursault shoot an Arab on beach in Algiers
  - Begins, "Mother died today. Or maybe yesterday; I can't be sure."
  - Fiance: Marie Cardon
  - Pimp: Raymond Sintes
  - Man beats his dog, Salamano
  - Setting: Celeste's cafe and Masson's beach house
- *The Plague*
  - About a disease in Oran
  - Joseph Grand (writer) and Tarrou joins a "sanitary squad"
  - About Dr. Bernard Rieux
  - Father Paneloux preaches about the Plague
  - Man spits at cats

- Cottard is a suicidal smuggler and kills a dog at the end
  - Man dies while acting in Gluck's *Orpheus* and *Eurydice*
- *The Fall*
  - Monologues of the "judge-penitent" Jean Baptiste Clamence
  - Jean fails to help a suicidal woman who jumped off a bridge
  - The *Just Judges* panel of the Ghent Altarpiece (Van Eyck) is stolen
- *The Myth of Sisyphus*
  - Work of philosophy about suicide
- *The Guest*
  - About Balducci and Daru (teacher) who is forced to take custody
- *The Growing Stone*
  - Sailor fails to take the stone to church
- *Exile and the Kingdom* (collection)
- *The Just Assassins* (Dora Doulebov, Ivan Kaliayev, and Stepan Fedorov)
- *The Renegade* (features *The House of Fetish*)
- Other: *The Adulterous Woman*, *A Happy Death*

### 32. Jean Paul Sartre

- *No Exit*
  - "Hell is other people."
  - Characters: Garcin, Estelle, and Inez
    - Inez is a lesbian
  - Features Second Empire Furniture (green and red sofa) in the room
  - Eyelid-less Vallet
  - Estelle stabs Inez with a paper knife
  - Estelle had an affair with Roger and killed the baby
  - Last line: "Well, let's get on with it."
  - Inez offers to be Estelle's mirror
  - Garcin asks for a toothbrush
- Other: *Dirty Hands* (Hugo Barine and Hoederer), *The Flies* (adapted from *Oresteia Trilogy*), *The Respectful Prostitute* (Lizzie Mackay), *The Wall* (Ramon Gris)

### 33. Moliere

- *Tartuffe*
  - Title religious hypocrite
  - Louis XIV arrest Tartuffe at end and Orgon is saved from eviction
    - Deus ex machina (translates as "God as the machine") is used at end
  - Mariane is Orgon's daughter, who is engaged to Valere
  - Orgon has a box of incriminating letters which Tartuffe tries to get him arrested for
  - Orgon hides under a table while Tartuffe is trying to seduce Elmire, Orgon's wife
- *The Miser*
  - About Harpagon who loves his wealth more than anything
  - Children: Cleante and Elise
  - Harpagon is attempting to marry the much younger girl, Mariane
- *The Imaginary Invalid*
  - Moliere died while playing Argan, a hypochondriac
- *The Misanthrope*
  - Alceste insults Orontes' connect

- Other: *The Affected Young Ladies* (Gorgibus), *The Bourgeois Gentleman*, *The School of Wives*, *A Doctor in Spite of Himself*, *The School for Husbands*

### 34. Guy de Maupassant

- "The Necklace"
  - Madame Forestier owns the necklace
  - Mathilde borrows to go to Minister of Education's ball
    - Loses the necklace, and goes into horrible debt after purchasing a new one for 36,000 Francs
  - Mathilde meets Madame Forestier later in life and Forestier tells her the necklace was fake
  - Reversed in Henry James' "Paste"
- "Ball of Fat" or "Boule de Suif"
  - About the fat prostitute, Elizabeth Rouseff, who is forced to sleep with a Prussian Officer
- Other: "The Horla," "The Piece of String," *Bel Ami*, "Mademoiselle Fifi"

### 35. Stendhal (or Marie-Henri Beyle)

- *The Red and the Black*
  - About Julien Sorel who is trying to choose between going into the army (red) or becoming a monk (black)
  - Julien shoots Madame de Renal, who he loves
    - Due to this he gets guillotined
  - Julien also loves Mathilde de la Mole (they almost marry)
  - Abbe Pirard suggests Julien becomes a secretary, so he does
  - Monsieur de Croisenois is killed in a duel
  - Julien likes to read Voltaire
- *The Charterhouse of Parma*
  - About Fabrice del Dongo who retires to the title monastery
    - Loves Napoleon and fights at Waterloo
    - Romantically loves Clelia Conti
  - Subplot about the romance between Count Mosca and Aunt Gina
- Other: *Lucien Leuwen*, *Armance*

### 36. Marcel Proust

- *In Search of Lost Time / Remembrance of Things Past*
  - Seven volume work
    - 1. Swann's Way
    - 2. In the Shadow of Young Girls in Flower / Within a Budding Grove
    - 3. Guermites' Way
    - 4. Sodom and Gomorrah / Cities of the Plain
    - 5. The Prisoner/Captive
    - 6. The Fugitive / Sweet Cheat Game
    - 7. Time Regained
  - Narrator's memories are triggered by a tea soaked madeleine
    - Married to Odette de Crecy
      - Narrator associates the Vinteuil Sonata with
    - Childhood love interest is Gilberte (marries Robert de Saint-Loup)



- Lover, Albertine, is a lesbian
  - Charles Swann (hence the first work) is a character
  - Elstir is an artist
  - Begins: “For a long time, I went to bed early” (which is a part of an “overture”)
- Other: *Against Sainte-Beuve, Pleasures and Days*
- Samuel Beckett wrote essay about, said Proust was “completely detached from all moral considerations”
- Translated John Ruskin works

### 37. Jules Verne

- *Journey to the Center of the Earth*
  - Group enters through an Icelandic Volcano and comes out via Mt. Stromboli
  - Hans, Bjelke, Axel, and Otto Lidenbrock take the journey
- *Around the World in Eighty Days*
  - Phileas Fogg and Passepartout circumnavigate the world
  - The International Date Line allows him to win the bet made with the Reform Club
  - Followed by Detective Fix
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*
  - Captain Nemo navigates the submarine, *The Nautilus*
  - Pierre Aronnax and Ned Land are imprisoned by Captain Nemo
  - Begins with the departure of the *Abraham Lincoln*
  - Sequel is *The Mysterious Island*
- *From the Earth to the Moon*
  - Baltimore Gun Club attempts to make a space gun to shoot three people to the moon

### 38. Alexandre Dumas

- *The Three Musketeers*
  - Athos, Porthos, and Aramis are the title figures
    - D’Artagnan wants to become a musketeer
  - Quote: “All for one and one for all.”
  - Together they foil Cardinal Richelieu’s plot against the Queen
  - Lady de Winter is a spy for Richelieu
    - Ex-wife of Athos
    - Has a fleur-de-lis on her shoulder
  - Duke of Buckingham has an affair with Anne of Austria
    - Duke creates diamonds to cover up affair since Anne is pressured to wear them by Richelieu
    - Duke is killed on de Winter’s orders
  - D’Artagnan falls in love with Constance Bonacieux
  - John Felton is a prison guard
  - Sequels include: *The Vicomte of Bragelonne* and *Twenty Years After*
  - Grimaud is a servant
- *The Count of Monte Cristo*
  - About Edmond Dantes
    - Falsely imprisoned in the Chateau d’If (accused of supporting Napoleon)
    - Fernand Mondego, Danglars, and De Villefort causes this on the day of his wedding to Mercedes
  - Abbe Faria describes a treasure to Edmond which he finds (after escaping prison)

- After out of prison, ruins Danglars' fortune
  - Caderousse is Dante's' neighbor, who does not save him from imprisonment
- Other: *Black Tulip*

### 39. Victor Hugo

- *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
  - About Quasimodo (deaf and deformed bellringer)
    - Loves Esmeralda
      - Goat: Djali (can spell Captain Phoebus's name)
    - Kills Claude Frollo who sentenced Esmeralda to death
  - Captain of the King's Archers, Phoebus is stabbed by Frollo
  - Gringoire is a writer
  - Quasimodo is elected Pope of the Fools
- *Les Misérables*
  - About Jean Valjean
  - Inspector Javert pursues after Jean
  - Fantine's daughter, Cosette, is adopted by Jean
    - Cosette marries Marius
  - Thenardiens family are innkeepers
    - Son, Gavroche, is shot
  - Petit Gervais has a coin stolen from him by Jean
  - Friends of the ABC's start the June 5 revolt
  - Jean pretends to be Monsieur Madeleine
- Other: *Toilers of the Sea, Hernani, The Man Who Laughs*

### Other Authors to Look Up:

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (*The Little Prince*)
- Charles Baudelaire (*The Flowers of Evil*)
- Edmond Rostand (*Cyrano de Bergerac*)
- Honore de Balzac (*The Human Comedy*)
- Eugene Ionesco (Romanian, but lived his childhood in France; known for absurdist works like *Rhinoceros* and *The Bald Soprano*)

### Russian Authors

#### 40. Leo Tolstoy

- *War and Peace*
  - About Napoleon's invasion of Russia
  - Pierre Bezukhov believes he must kill Napoleon after the Battle of Borodino
    - Maries Natasha Rostov
    - Joins the freemasons
    - First marriage to Helene Kuragina (dies)
    - Duels Dolokhov and Nikolai Rostov
  - Prince Andrei Bolkonsky dies at Borodino
  - Anna Scherer throws party at beginning
  - Princess Maria Bolkonskaya maries Nikolai Rostov
  - Peasant: Platon Karataev
- *Anna Karenina*
  - Anna dies by throwing self on a train

- Loves Count Vronsky
- Kitty is married to Konstantin Levin
- Begins “Happy families are all alike”
- Frou-Frou, horse, breaks back and dies
  - Gladiator ends up winning the horse race
- Stephan and Dolly Oblonsky
  - Stephan has an affair with a governess
  - Anna helps council
- Anna’s son: Seryozha
- Psychic: Landau
- *Death of Ivan Ilyich*
  - Russian judge who dies because he injures self hanging curtains
- “The Kreutzer Sonata”
  - Trukhashesky’s affair with Pozdnishef’s wife
  - P’s wife dies after playing it with T
- “How Much Land Does a Man Need?”
  - Answer: 6 feet (for a grave)
- *Alyosha the Pot*
  - Die by falling off a roof when clearing snow
- Other: *Hadji Murat* (Captain Butler), *Resurrection*, “Father Sergius” (Stepan Kasatsky cuts off finger to resist urge to sleep with woman), *Sevastopol Sketches*

#### 41. Anton Chekhov

- *The Cherry Orchard*
  - Ends with axes chopping down trees on Madame Ranevskaya estate
  - Lopakhin buys the cherry orchard
    - Varya loves Lopakhin
  - Firs, servant, is forgotten about and locked inside
    - Nickname: Twenty Two Calamities
  - Pete Trofimov is an “eternal student” and is loved by Anya, Ranevskaya’s second daughter
  - Ranevskaya lived in Paris after son, Grisha drown
  - Pishchik finds white clay on land
  - Gayev shouts pool shots when nervous
    - Also praises 100 y/r bookcase
- *The Seagull*
  - Treplev kills the Seagull and then commits suicide
  - Nina is compared to the seagull
    - Nina loves Trigorin
  - Treplev’s mom: Arkadina
    - Brother: Sorin (set on his estate)
  - Nina gets a quote from Treplev’s work, *Days and Nights* on a medal and gives it to him
    - Quote: “If you ever need my life, come and take it”
  - Soring suggests that Treplev write “The Man Who Wished”
- *Three Sisters*
  - About the Prozorov sisters, Olga, Masha, and Irina
  - They dream about returning to Moscow
- *Uncle Vanya*

- Ivan Voinitsky is the Uncle
  - Niece is Sonya
  - Vanya attempts to kill Professor Alexander Serebryakov
- “The Lady with the Lapdog”
  - Anna Sergeyevna is the title figure
    - Has an affair with Dmitri Gurov in Yalta at a performance of “The Geisha”
- Other: *Ward No. 6* (about Dr. Rabin), “Gooseberries,” “The Bet,” “Grisha”

#### 42. Alexander Pushkin

- *Eugene Onegin*
  - Eugene is loved by Tatyana
    - Eugene does not love Tatyana back at first
    - When he sees her many years later, she catches his eye (unknowing it was Tatyana), but she refuses to leave her husband despite still loving him
  - Eugene kills Vladimir Lensky in a duel
    - Due to dancing with Olga Larina (Lensky’s fiancée) at her name day celebration
    - Guillot and Zaretsky are chosen as seconds for the duel
  - Features sonnets which alternate between masculine and feminine rhymes
    - Inspired Vikram Seth’s *The Golden Gate*
  - Edmund Wilson and Vladimir Nabokov translated
- “The Bronze Horseman”
  - Poem about St. Petersburg statue of Peter the Great
  - Yevgeny curses the statue and then it kills him
  - Yevgeny’s love, Parasha, is killed in a flood of the Neva River
- *Boris Godunov*
  - His reign began the “times of troubles”
  - Believed to have schemed to kill Dimitri, the son of Fyodor, in order to receive position
- “The Queen of Spades”
  - About the gambler, Herman
  - Old Countess supposedly was about to win a fortune with a secret trick
    - Herman indirectly kills her due to shock, her ghost visits him and tells him three, seven, and ace.
    - He bets one of these numbers but accidentally bets on the Queen of spades instead of an ace
- Other: *Mozart and Salieri*, *The Stone Guest*, *The Golden Cockerel*, *Ruslan and Ludmila*

#### 43. Vladimir Nabokov

- *Lolita*
  - Pedophile Humbert Humbert begins relationship with 12 year old Annabel Leigh, who died from typhus
  - Humbert moves on to the “nymphet” Dolores “Lolita” Haze
  - Marries Lolita’s mother Charlotte Haze who dies after being hit by car
  - Humbert and Lolita travel around America but after Lolita is admitted into hospital, another pedophile Clare Quilty, playwright of *The Enchanted Hunters*, kidnaps her
  - Humbert searches for Lolita but doesn’t hear from her until she is married at 17 to Dick Schiller when she asks for money
  - Lolita dies in childbirth

- Humbert kills Clare Quilty, goes to jail, and writes his memoir which is sent to John Ray Jr., PHD
- *Pale Fire*
  - 999 line poem by John Shade that begins “I was the shadow of the waxwing slain”
  - Charles Kinbote, who believes himself to be King of Zembla, provides commentary on poem
- Other: *The Real Life of Sebastian Knight*, *Prin*

#### 44. Nikolai Gogol

- “The Overcoat”
  - About Akaky Akakievich (haunts St. Petersburg as a ghost)
  - Petrovich makes the overcoat
  - Character: “Person of Consequence”
- “The Nose”
  - Kovalyov is the own of the nose
  - Imitates a state councillor
  - Yakovlevich finds the nose in a loaf of bread
- *Dead Souls*
  - Chichikov buys deceased serfs
  - Ends: “and we scarcely”
- Other: *Inspector General* (Khlestakov is mistaken for), “Nevsky Prospekt” (Piskaryon), “Diary of a Madman” (Poprishchin), *Taras Bulba*, “Viy”

#### 45. Fyodor Dostoyevsky

- *Crime and Punishment*
  - About Raskolnikov who kills the pawnbroker, Alyona Ivanovna
  - R loves the prostitute, Sonya
    - Daughter of Marmeladov
  - R- “I want to become a Napoleon”
  - Lizaveta (Alyona’s sister) is also murdered by R
  - Porfiry Petrovitch investigates R
  - Svidrigailov overhears R confess and threatens to blackmail him about it
  - R says “I’m going to America” and then shoots himself
  - Sonya is framed by Luzhin with a 100 ruble note, but Lebeziatnikov catches it and threatens to expose Luzhin
  - Characters: Katerina Ivanovna, Dunya, Razumikhin
- *The Brothers Karamazov*
  - About Alyosha, Ivan, and Dmitri
  - Dad is Fyodor, but he is killed by Smerdyakov
  - Ivan tells Alyosha of the Parable of the Grand Inquisitor
  - Father Zossima decomposes
- *The Idiot* - about Prince Myshkin
- Other: *Notes from the Underground*

#### 46. Boris Pasternak

- *Doctor Zhivago*
  - First name is Yuri, takes place during the Russian Revolution/ Civil War

- Loves Lara who is married to Pasha Antipov (nickname: “Strelnikov/The Shooter”)
- Zhivago is conscripted into the Forest Brotherhood (led by Liberius who is a cocaine addict)
- Lara shoots Victor Komarovsky at Christmas Party
- Zhivago also writes poetry
  - “Hamlet” is the poem mentioned most
- Komarovsky causes Zhivago’s dad to jump of a train
  - This is witnessed by Misha Gordon (medical student)
- Amalia Guishar attempts to commit suicide but Misha saves her
- *My Sister, Life* - Poetry collection

### **Other Authors to Look Up:**

- Alexander Solzhenitsyn (*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, The Gulag Archipelago*)
- Ivan Turgenev (*Fathers and Sons, A Sportsman’s Sketches*)
- Mikhail Lermontov (*A Hero of Our Time*, nicknamed “Poet of the Caucasus”)
- Maxim Gorky (*The Lower Depths*)

### **Irish Authors**

#### **47. Samuel Beckett**

- *Waiting for Godot*
  - Absurdist play about Vladimir and Estragon doing the title action
  - Also features Pozzo and his slave, Lucky, who he leads on a leash
    - In act 2, Pozzo is blind so Lucky has to lead him around on the leash
  - Opens: “Nothing to be done”
  - The boy says, the title character will “surely arrive tomorrow”
  - The only props on the stage is a tree
    - Vladimir and Estragon considers hanging themselves from it but end up not doing that
  - Lucky only speaks when wearing a hat (gives a five page monologue, randomly)
  - One character is given a turnip when asked for a carrot
  - One character leaves his boots
- *Endgame*
  - Play inspired by chess
  - About Hamm (bound to a wheelchair) and Clov (servant)
    - Clov ends up leaving Hamm
  - Nagg and Nell live in ask/garbage bins
    - Nell dies at end
    - Nell says, “Nothing is funnier than unhappiness
  - Ham asks for s painkillers but there are none left
  - Someone talks about how it took a character three months to make a pair of pants but it only took God six days to make the world
- *Krapp's Last Tape*
  - Krapp listens to tapes of his younger self on 69th birthday
- “Beckett Trilogy”
  - *Molloy* (about a paralyzed writer who Jacques Moran tracks down)
  - *Malone Dies*
  - *The Unnameable* (thinks about Mahood and Worm)

## 48. Oscar Wilde

- *The Importance of Being Earnest*
  - Algernon Moncrieff and Jack Worthing who take on the name “Earnest”
    - Jack courts Gwendolen Fairfax
    - Algernon courts Cecily Carew
  - Lady Bracknell refuses to let Jack and Gwendolen get married
  - “Bunburying” is done by Algernon and Jack
  - Aunt Augusta’s Cucumber Sandwiches are ate by a character
  - Miss Prism accidently leaves Jack in a ba at Victoria Station
    - Prism is loved by Dr. Chasuble
  - “From Little Cecily” is engraved on cigarette box
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
  - Title object is painted by Basil Hallward (killed by Dorian)
    - The painting ages so that Dorian doesn’t have to
    - Described as “sweating with blood”
  - Dorian is mentored by Lord Henry Wotton
    - Dorian is the last grandson of Lord Kelso
  - Dorian is engaged to Sybil Vane (commits suicide after break up)
    - Sybil is an actress who plays Juliet
    - Sybil calls Dorian “Prince Charming”
      - Sybil’s brother, James, wants to kill him, but only knows him by this name
  - Alan Campbell, chemist, is hired to destroy the evidence of Basil’s murder
  - Preface: “All art is quite useles”
  - Hetty Merton is Dorian’s second love interest
  - “...dislike of realism is the rage of Caliban upon seeing his own face”
- *Lady Windermere’s Fan*
  - Found in Lord Darlington’s house
    - Darlington’s mother: Ms. Erlynne
      - Saves Windermere from affair accusation with Darlington
  - A “cynic” is defined as “A man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing.”
- “Ballad of Reading Gaoi”
  - Created while Wilde was imprisoned for being gay
  - “Each man kills the thing he loves...the coward with a kiss...the brave man with a sword’
- *De Profundis*
  - Letter to Alfred Douglas (partner)
- Other: *A Woman of No Importance* (Gerald is illegit son of Mrs. Arbuthnot and Lord Illingworth), *An Ideal Husband*, *Salome* (retelling of beheading of John the Baptist, opera by Richard Strauss), *A House of Pomegranates* (collection)

## 49. William Butler Yeats

- “Sailing to Byzantium”
  - Includes the quote, “No country for old men” (O’Connor work)
  - “An aged man is but a paltry thing, tattered coat upon a stick”
- “The Second Coming”
  - “Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold” (Names the Achebe work)
  - “Turning and turning in the widening eye” - begins

- “Rough beast slouches towards Bethlehem to be born”
  - “Falcon cannot hear the falconer”
  - “A vast image out of Spiritus Mundi”
  - “Blood-dimmed tide” drowns the “ceremony of innocence”
- “Easter, 1916”
  - About the Irish uprising
  - “A terrible beauty is born”
- “Lapis Lazuli” - “Two chinamen, behind them a third”
- “The Lake Isle of Innisfree” - “I will arise and go now”
- “An Irish Airman Foresees His Death” - “I know that I shall meet my fate, somewhere among the clouds”
- Wrote intro to Rabindranath Tagore’s *Gitanjali*
- Other: “Lada and the Swan,” “The Wild Swans at Coole,” “The Circus Animals’ Desertion,” “The Stolen Child,” “Among the School Children”, “Crazy Jane poems

## 50. James Joyce

- *Ulysses*
  - Set in Bloomsday
  - About Leopold Bloom
    - Wife: Molly
    - Journeys to Dublin with Stephen Dedalus on Jun 16, 1904
  - Molly’s soliloquy at end which ends with “yes I said yes I will yes”
  - Molly has an affair with Blazes Bolan
  - Opens with an argument with Stephen and Buck Mulligan
  - Leopold Bloom fantasizes about Gerty McDowell in the chapter, “Nausicaa”
  - Leopold corresponds with Martha Clifford with the name Henry Flower
- *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
  - About Stephen Dedalus
  - Begins with story about “baby tuckoo” and “moocow”
  - Father Arall gives sermon on Hell which inspired Stephen to become a priest
    - Eventually doesn’t become a priest and dedicates himself to beauty due to seeing a girl bathing
- *Dubliners*
  - “The Dead”
    - Last and longest work in collection
    - Gabriel Conroy
      - Wife, Gretta, loved Michael Furey
    - Party hosted by Kate and Julia Morkan (aunts)
    - “The Lass of Aughrim” is sung
  - “Araby”
    - Boy visits Oriental bazaar to buy something for Mangan’s sister but it closes before he gets there
  - Other works: “A Little Cloud,” “Eveline,” “The Sisters,” “Ivy Day in the Committee Room,” “A Mother,” “After the Race,” “Counterparts”
- *Finnegan’s Wake*
  - Humphrey Chimpden Earwicker and Anna Livia Plurabelle (children: Shem, Shaun, and Issy)



## 51. Jonathan Swift

- *Gulliver's Travels*
  - Man visits lands of Laputa, Houyhnhnm, Brobdingnag, Lilliput, Balnibarbi, Luggnagg, Glubbudrib, and Japan
  - Lilliput features little people (1/12 the size of a human)
  - On Houyhnhnm, people are called "Yahoos" and are ruled by horses
  - Lilliput features little-endian and big-endian (divided on the best way to crack open an egg)
    - Leaders arrest for treason
  - He is able to put out a fire by urinating on it
  - Grand Academy is on Balnibarbi
- *A Modest Proposal*
  - Satirical pamphlet that suggests that Irish babies be eaten in order to solve the potato famine
- *The Tale of a Tub*
  - Peter, Martin, and Jack each represent a branch of Christianity
- Other: *Battle of the Books*, *Draper's Letters*

## 52. George Bernard Shaw

- *Pygmalion*
  - About the Cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle
  - Henry Higgins makes a bet with Colonel Pickering that he can turn Eliza into marriage material
  - Eliza marries Freddy Eynsford Hill
  - Subtitle: A Romance in Five Act
  - Turned into the musical *My Fair Lady*
  - Begins in the Covent Garden
  - Notetaker is suspected of being a policer officer
  - Ezra Wannafeller received morality lectures
- *Mrs. Warren's Profession*
  - Kitty is the first name of Mrs. Warren
    - Daughter, Vivie figures out her mother actually runs a brothel
  - Frank Gardner loves Mrs. Warren
  - George Croft likes Vivie
- *Major Barbara*
  - Barbara works for the Salvation Army
  - Barbara's father: Andrew Undershaft
  - Salvation Army accepts money from arms manufacture and whiskey distillation plant
- *Man and Superman*
  - About John Tanner (also Don Juan) and Ann Whitefield
  - Act III scene is title "Don Juan in Hell"
  - John decides to visit Hell because Heaven is boring
  - Features the Life Force theory
- Other: *Arms and the Man*, *Plays for Puritans*, *Caesar and Cleopatra*, *The Devil's Disciple*, *Androcles and the Lion*, *Saint Joan*

## 53. Richard Brinsley Sheridan

- *The Rivals*

- Character: Mrs. Malaprop (inspired the word, “malapropism”)
- *The School for Scandal*
- *The Critic*

## **Italian Authors**

### **54. Giovanni Boccaccio**

- *The Decameron*
  - About ten nobles who tell stories while escaping the Black Plague in Florence
  - Names: Pampinea, Filomena, Neifile, Fiammetta, ELissa, Lauretta, Emilia, Filostrato, Dioneo, Panfilo
  - Pampinea
    - A man showing people coal instead of a feather from the Archangel Gabriel
    - Friar Alberto pretend to be the archangel Gabriel so he can sleep with a woman
  - Filomena
    - Melchizedek, a Jew who convinces Saladin of the importance of religious tolerance by telling a parable about three rings
      - Lessing’s Nathan the Wise is partly based on
    - Character who buries her lover's head in a pot of basil
  - Nei File- Gillette of Narbonne and Bertrand de Roussillon story- basis for *All’s Well That Ends Well*
  - Fiammetta- Federigo, who offers to cook his last possession, a falcon
  - Emilia- sees Solomon ordering a man to the Bridge of Geese
  - Dionio- Last tale: Gualtieri marrying Griselda and making her a Marchioness as the Marquis of Saluzzo (Inspired Chaucer’s “Clerk’s Tale”)
  - Panfilo- 1st tale: it begins with a wicked man praised as a saint because he lies about his last rites in Ciappelletto

### **55. Umberto Eco**

- *The Name of the Rose*
  - William of Baskerville solves the murders of monks
  - Narrator: Adso of Melk
  - Monks die because of poisoned pages of Aristotle’s Second Book of Poetics
    - Dude by the blind librarian, Jorge of Burgos
- *Foucault’s Pendulum*
  - About Casaubon, Diotallevi, and Belbo (who are hung by the title structure)
  - They discover “The Plan” which is a conspiracy
    - The computer, Abulafia, makes “The Plan”
- *The Island of the Day Before*
  - Roberto della Griva
  - Island is split by the international date line
- *The Prague Cemetery*
  - Most recent work (as of July 2017)
  - About Simone SImonini
  - Fictionalizes the origin of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion
- Other: *The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana*, *Baudolino*, *How to Travel with a Salmon*

### **Other Authors to Look Up:**

- Dante (Divine Comedy)

- Italo Calvino (*If on a winter's night, a traveler*)
- Niccolo Machiavelli (*The Prince, Discourses of Livy*)

## Norwegian Authors

### 56. Henrik Ibsen

- *A Doll's House*
  - About Nora Helmer who walks out on her husband, Torvald
    - Ends with Nora slamming the door
  - Nora forges dad's signature to borrow money for Torvald's surgery
    - Nils Krogstad attempts to use this as blackmail
  - Dr. Rank has Tuberculosis of the Spine and loves Nora
  - Nora dances the Tarantella
  - Nora lies about giving the kids macaroons
  - Christine Linde is a friend of Nora
  - Dr. Rank promises to send a card with a black cross on it
- *Hedda Gabler*
  - Uses father's pistol to kill self
  - Husband: George Tesman
    - His academic rival: Eilert Lovborg
      - In a relationship with Thea Elvsted
  - HG convinces Eilert to commit suicide after he "loses" his manuscript which she calls dying "beautifully"
    - Judge Brack blackmails HG with this information after Eilert dies
  - Takes place at Mademoiselle Diana's house
- *An Enemy of the People*
  - Dr. Thomas Stockman attempts to reveal that the town baths are contaminated
  - Thomas's brother, Peter is mayor of town
  - Aslaksen refuses to publish Thomas's work in *The People's Messenger*
- *The Wild Duck*
  - Hedvig Ekdal is told to shoot the title bird by Gregers Wele
    - Shoots self instead
  - Bird lives in Hjalmar Ekdal home
- *The Master Builder*
  - Halvard Solness is an architect
  - Hilda Wangel convinces Halvard to hang a wreath on spire and then, pushes him off
    - Apparently promised her a "kingdom"
- *Ghosts*
  - Oswald Alving (affected by syphilis) asks mother, Helen, for a lethal dose of morphine
- Other: *When We Dead Awaken* (Irene von Satow and Arnold Rubek), *Peer Gynt*, *Little Eyolf*

## Swedish Authors

### 57. August Strindberg

- *Miss Julie*
  - Commits suicide with a razor
  - Loves the valet, Jean
  - Jean decapitates the bird, Serena
  - A dog named Diana is called "unfaithful"

- *The Ghost Sonata*
  - About Jacob Hummel (also called The Old Man)
  - Ahrenholtz is a student
- Other: *A Dream Play* (Agnes), *The Red Room*, *The Father*

## Spanish Authors

### 58. Miguel de Cervantes

- *Don Quixote*
  - Squire: Sancho Panza, Horse: Rocinante, Loves Dulcinea, Native of La Mancha, Fights windmills, Donkey: Dapple
  - Believes a wash bin is the Helmet of Mambrino
  - Fights Samson Carrasco as the Knight of the White Moon
  - Cide Hamete Benengeli documented life in Arabic
  - Master Nicholas (barber) and Dr. Pedro Perez burns DQ's library
  - Gines de Pasamonte- stone throwing slave
  - Master Pedro puts on a puppet show
  - Sancho Panza is rolled into a rug because he refused to pay for when he stayed at an inn
  - Balsam of Fierabras is consumed by DQ
  - Montesinos' Cave is a setting
  - Inspired by Amadis of Gaul
  - Chrysostom's funeral takes place
  - Borgas created the story, *Pierre Menard, Author of the Quixote*
- *Exemplary Novels*
  - "Colloquy/Dialogue of the Dogs"
- *La Galatea*

### **Movements in Spanish Literature:**

- Golden Age: Cervantes, Felix Lope de Vega, Pedro Calderón de la Barca (*Life is a Dream*)
- Generation of 98: no major authors that come up
- Generation of 27: Federico Garcia Lorca (*Blood Wedding*, *The House of Bernarda Alba*)

## Czech Authors

### 59. Milan Kundera

- *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*
  - About Tomas and Tereza (husband and wife) after Prague Spring
    - Their son is Simon
  - Tomas has an affair with Sabina
    - Sabina only wears her grandfather's bowler hat and declares a war on "kitsch"
    - Sabina also has an affair with Professor Franz
      - Franz goes to Cambodia to participate in the Grand March of History
  - Tomas and Tereza die in a car accident after moving to Switzerland
    - Their dog, Karenin dies of cancer prior to this event
  - Tomas compares communist government to Oedipus in an article and refuses to take it down, so he can no longer be a surgeon
- *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*
  - "Lost Letters" is a section
- *The Joke*
  - "Optimism is the opium of the people!" is on a postcard

- Other: *Immortality*

### **Other Author to Look Up:**

- Vaclav Havel (*The Garden Party*)

## **Scottish Authors**

### **60. Robert Louis Stevenson**

- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
  - About a scientist with a split personality
  - Mr. Guest notices the similarities between Jekyll and Hyde's handwriting
  - Mr. Lanyon dies from shock due to Jekyll's transformation into Hyde
  - Sir Danvers Carew is killed by Hyde
  - Opens with Gabriel John Utterson talking to Richard Enfield
  - Mr. Poole is Jekyll's butler
- *Treasure Island*
  - About Jim Hawkins
  - Features the character Long John Silver
  - Billy Bones stays at the Admiral Benbow Inn (Hawkin's family owns it) and dies of a stroke
  - Dr. Livesey determines that a map in Billy Bones' chest is a treasure map of Captain Flint's buried treasure
    - Trelawney gets a ship, the *Hispaniola*, and they hunt for the treasure
  - Captain Smollett is the captain of the voyage to Treasure Island
- *Kidnapped*
  - About David Balfour
  - Parents die and he is sent to live with his uncle, Ebenezer, at the House of Shaws
  - Sent to board The Covenant which is lead by Captain Hoseason
  - Sequel: *Catriona*
- Other: *The Master of Ballantrae*, *Travels With a Donkey*, *The Bottle Imp*, *A Child's Garden of Verses*

### **61. Sir Walter Scott**

- *Ivanhoe*
  - About the title medieval Saxon knight
    - Son of Cedric the Saxon, who disinherits him
  - Ivanhoe marries Lady Rowena
  - Robin Hood is a character
  - The Black Knight turns out to be a disguised Richard the Lionheart
  - Knight at the tournament is known as "Desdichado"
  - Knight named "The Black Sluggard"
  - Ivanhoe rescues Jewish girl, Rebecca, from Brian de Bois-Gilbert
- *Rob Roy*
  - Named for a Scottish outlaw
  - Frank Osbaldistone narrators and is the protagonist
    - Rob shows up mysteriously whenever Frank is in trouble
- Other: *The Lady of the Lake*, *The Heart of Midlothian*, *The Bride of Lammermoor*, *Waverly* (began a series of novels that included *Rob Roy* and *Ivanhoe*), *Kenilworth*

## 62. Robert Burns

- “Auld Lang Syne”
  - Inspired the song sung each year on New Year's' Eve
  - Begins “Should old acquaintance be forgot”
- “A Red, Red Rose”
- “To a Mouse”
  - “The best laid schemes of mice and men”
- Others: “To a Louse”, “Tam O’Shanter”

### Other Authors to Look Up:

- J. M. Barrie (*Peter Pan*)
- Muriel Spark (*The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*)