

# OUTLINE OF BRITISH ENGLISH LITERATURE

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# PRE-MODERN AGES

- 450–1066 Old English (or Anglo-Saxon) Period
- 1066–1500 Middle English Period

# 1500–1660 THE RENAISSANCE (OR EARLY MODERN)

- 1558–1603 Elizabethan Age
- 1603–1625 Jacobean Age
- 1625–1649 Caroline Age
- 1649–1660 Commonwealth Period (or Puritan Interregnum)

# 1660–1785 THE NEOCLASSICAL PERIOD

- 1660–1700 The Restoration
- 1700–1745 The Augustan Age
- 1745–1785 The Age of Sensibility (or Age of Johnson)

- **1785–1832 The Romantic Period**
  - **1832–1901 The Victorian Period**
  - **1848–1860 The Pre-Raphaelites**
  - **1880–1901 Aestheticism and Decadence**
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- **1901–1914 The Edwardian Period**
  - **1910–1936 The Georgian Period**
  - **1914– The Modern Period**
  - **1945 onwards Postmodernism**
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