

## **British Literature Reading List**

### ***FALL SEMESTER 2020***

#### *ANGLO-SAXON Period*

The Seafarer

Beowulf (Seamus Haney)

#### *The MEDIEVAL Period*

Chaucer (excerpts of The Canterbury Tales)

Idylls of the King (Arthurian Legend by Tennyson. Although Tennyson himself was a Romantic writer, he does an amazing job telling the medieval story of King Arthur)

Ballads Project

#### *The RENAISSANCE Period*

The Shakespearean Sonnet Project

Macbeth

King James Bible (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

### ***SPRING SEMESTER 2021***

#### *The RESTORATION*

Jonathan Swift (excerpts of Gulliver's Travels and A Modest Proposal)

An Essay on Man

#### *The BRITISH ROMANTIC Period*

Robert Burns

William Blake

Mary Wollstonecraft (essay)

Wordsworth

Coleridge

Byron

Shelley

Keats

The Poison Tree

Shelley, Mary—Frankenstein

#### *The VICTORIAN Period*

Pygmalion Play/ My Fair Lady comparison

Charles Dickens (Oliver Twist or Great Expectations)

Possibly another Shakespearean play to end the year.