

**Wilfrid Laurier University
Department of English and Film Studies**

**Comprehensive Area Exam Reading List
Early Modern Literature**

Drama

Norton and Sackville, *Gorboduc*

Kyd, *The Spanish Tragedy*

Marlowe

Doctor Faustus

The Jew of Malta or Tamburlaine the Great Part One

Shakespeare

Richard the Third

Hamlet

Macbeth

King Lear

Othello

Richard the Second

Henry the Fourth Part One

The Merchant of Venice

A Midsummer Night's Dream

As You Like It

The Winter's Tale

The Tempest

Anonymous, *Arden of Faversham*

Heywood, *A Woman Killed with Kindness*

Cary, *The Tragedy of Mariam*

Jonson

Volpone; Epicene

Bartholomew Fair or The Alchemist

Dekker, *The Shoemakers' Holiday*

Middleton and Dekker, *The Roaring Girl*

Middleton

Women Beware Women

A Chaste Maid in Cheapside or A Game at Chess

Middleton and Rowley, *The Changeling*

Webster, *The Duchess of Malfi*

Beaumont and Fletcher, *Philaster or The Maid's Tragedy*

Ford, *'Tis Pity She's a Whore or The Broken Heart*

Poetry

Tottel's Miscellany (Wyatt and Surrey)

Sidney, *Astrophil and Stella*

Spenser

Faerie Queene, Books 1-3

Shepheard's Calendar or *Amoretti*

Marlowe, *Hero and Leander*

Selected lyrics by:

Raleigh

Marlowe

Drayton

Campion

Fulke Greville

Daniel

Suckling

Lovelace

Shakespeare, *Sonnets*

Jonson, "To Penshurst;" selected poems

Wroth, *Pamphilia to Amphilanthus*

Lanier, *Salve Deus Rex Judeorum*; "The Description of Cookham"

Donne, *Songs and Sonnets*; *Holy Sonnets*; *Anniversaries*; selected poems

Herbert, *The Temple*

Philips, selected poems

Vaughan, *Silex Scintillans*

Crashaw, *Steps to the Temple* (selections)

Herrick, *Hesperides* (selections)

Marvell, selected poems, including "An Horatian Ode" and "To Appleton House"

Milton, "L'Allegro;" "Il Penseroso;" "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity;" "On Shakespeare;"

"Lycidas;" selected sonnets

Paradise Lost

Paradise Regained or *Samson Agonistes*

Prose

Sidney, *Defence of Poesy / Apology for Poetry*

More, *Utopia*

Elyot, *The Book Named the Governor*

Ascham, *The Schoolmaster*

Raleigh, *History of the World*

Hakluyt, *Voyages and Discoveries*

Elizabeth I, "Speech to the Troops at Tilbury;" "The 'Golden Speech;'" selected letters

Certain Sermons or Homilies (1547) with "A Homily Against Disobedience and Wilful Rebellion" (1570), plus selected homilies

Debates about Women: *Jane Anger Her Protection of Women*; Swetnam, *The Arraignment of*

Lewd, Idle, Froward and Unconstant Women; Speght, *A Muzzle for Melastomus; Hic*

Mulier / Haec Vir; *Anna Trapnel's Report and Plea* (selections)

Bacon, *Essays*; selections from *The Advancement of Learning*

Burton, selections from *The Anatomy of Melancholy*

Donne, selections from *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions; Five Sermons upon Special Occasions* (1626)

Browne, *Religio Medici* or *Urn Burial*

Hobbes, *Leviathan*

Milton, *Areopagitica; The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates*