

ENGLISH LITERATURE AT A GLANCE

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ENGLISH LITERATURE

- ◆ **Originated from Celts, earliest inhabitants of British Isles.**
- ◆ **Celts were invaded by; Jutes, Angles & Saxons.**



ALFRED THE GREAT

- ◆ **He sponsored the translation of Latin text into Old English Language.**
- ◆ **Initiated the writings of the Anglo – Saxon Chronicle in the native tongue.**
- ◆ **United the Anglo – Saxon to resist the Vikings.**



**THE 8 PERIODS OF
ENGLISH
LITERATURE**



A. ANGLO – SAXON (449 – 1066 AD)

**brought a rich tradition of oral literature
steeped in their customs, beliefs, etc.**

- ◆ **1. Anglo – Saxon Chronicle by Alfred the Great.**
- ◆ **2. The Wanderer**
- ◆ **3. A Dream of the Road**
- ◆ **4. Beowulf**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

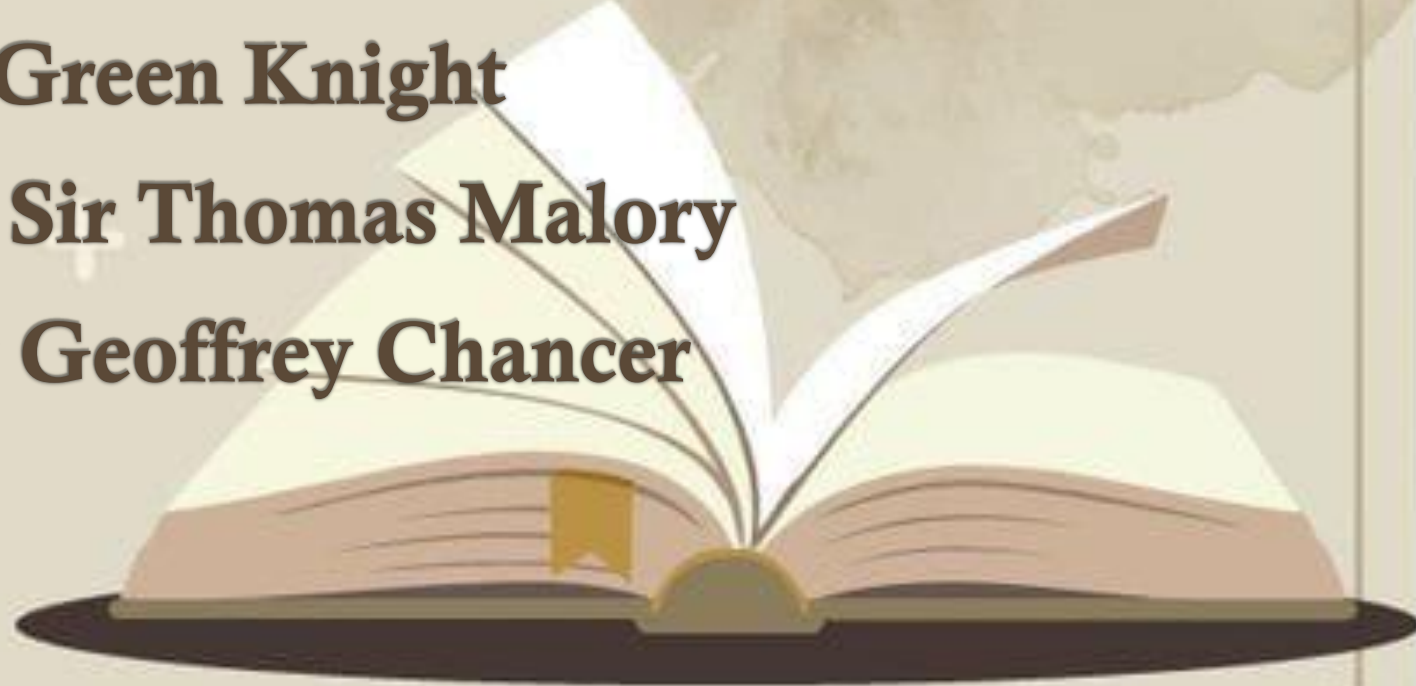
- ◆ 1. Chronicle
- ◆ 2. Formulaic Poetry
- ◆ 3. Epic Poem



B. MEDIEVAL PERIOD (1066 – 1485)

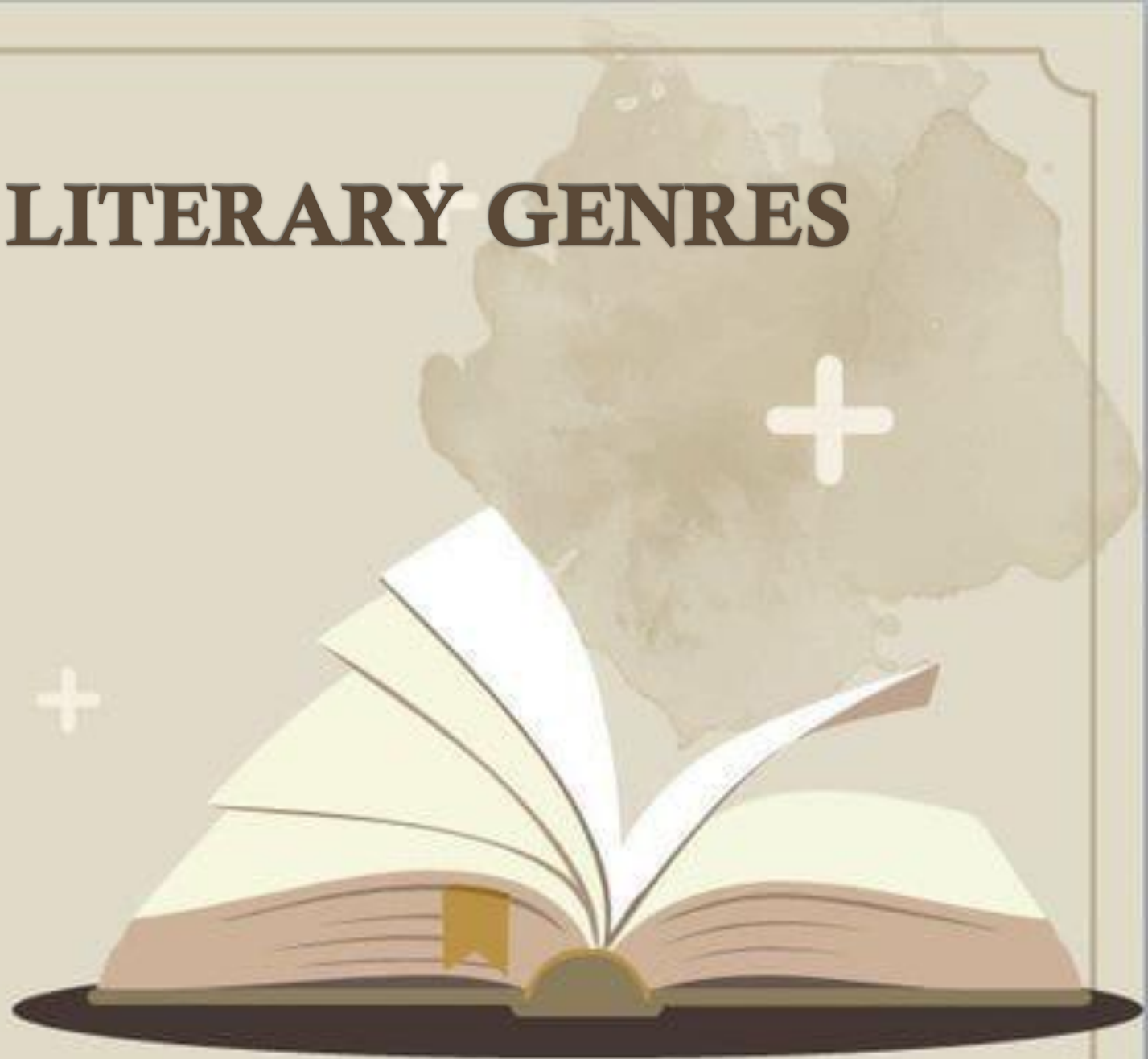
◆ SOME SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS

- ◆ 1. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight**
- ◆ 2. Morte D' Arthur by Sir Thomas Malory**
- ◆ 3. Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chancer**



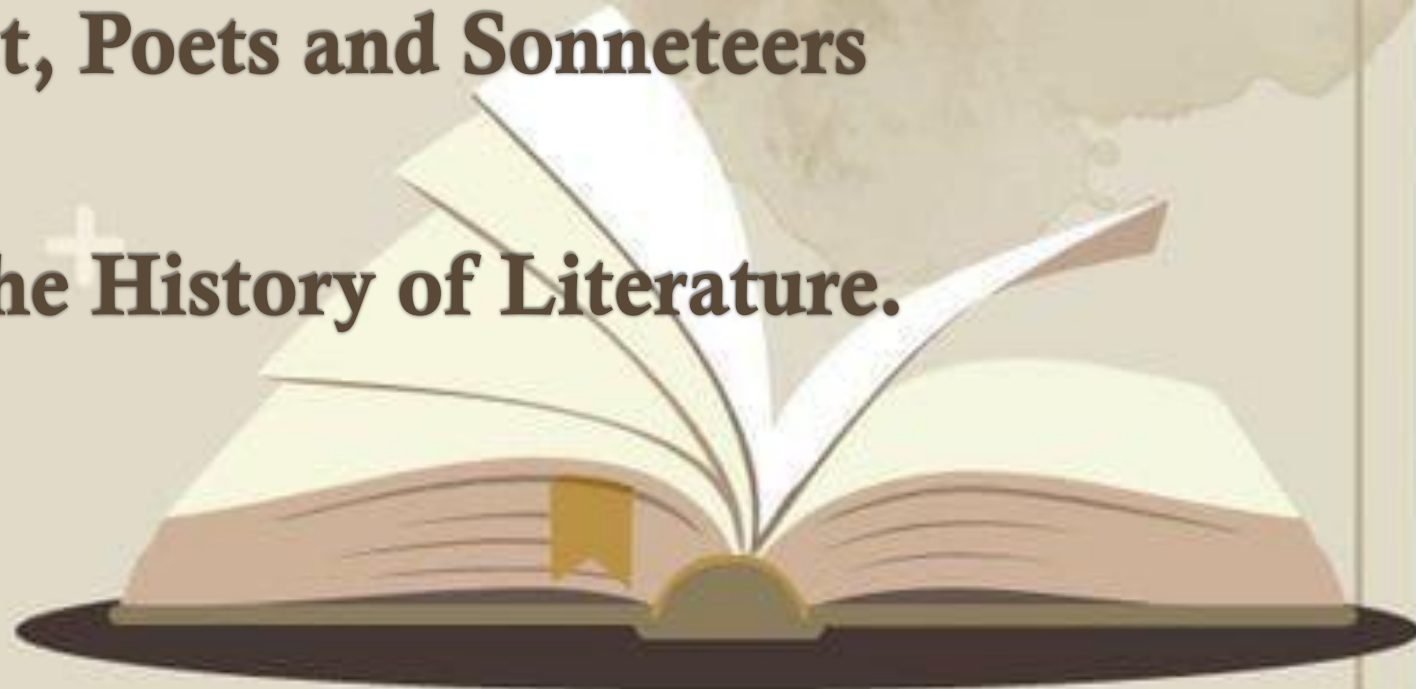
SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. **Elegy**
- ◆ 2. **Religious Liturgy**
- ◆ 3. **Narrative Romance**
- ◆ 4. **Arthurian Romance**



ELIZABETHAN PERIOD (1485 – 1625)

- ◆ **At the dusk of the Middle Ages and the dawn of the modern world comes the RENAISSANCE.**
- ◆ **Songwriters, Dramatist, Poets and Sonneteers flourished.**
- ◆ **The most splendid in the History of Literature.**



SOME SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS

- ◆ 1. Faerie Queene
- ◆ 2. The Nymph's Reply to the Shephard
- ◆ 3. William Shakespeare's works



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Sonnet
- ◆ 2. Elizabethan Lyrics
- ◆ 3. Elizabethan Drama
- ◆ 4. Historical Play



D. PURITAN PERIODS (1625 – 1700)

◆ SOME SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS

◆ 1. Devotions

◆ 2. History of Henry VII +

◆ 3. The Garden



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Restoration Comedy and Tragedy
- ◆ 2. Metaphysical Poetry
- ◆ 3. Light Prose
- ◆ 4. Ode and Elegy



E. CLASSICISM PERIOD (1700 1800)

◆ SOME SIGNIFICANT LITRARY WORKS

- ◆ 1. The London Merchant**
- ◆ 2. Conscious Lovers**
- ◆ 3. The Fair Pertinent**
- ◆ The Tragedy of Jane Shore**
- ◆ 4. The Tragedy of Lacy Grey**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Opera
- ◆ 2. Ballad Opera
- ◆ 3. Pantomime
- ◆ 4. Prose Tragedy



F. THE ROMANTIC PERIOD (1800 – 1839)

- ◆ **The golden age of the lyric poetry belong to the youth.**
- ◆ **Early 19th century Britain was stirred by new feelings about the world of nature, about both personal and political liberty and about the common name**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS

- ◆ **1. Song of Innocence and Experience by William Blake**
- ◆ **2. Lyrical Ballads by William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge**
- ◆ **3. Sense and Sensibility; Pride and Prejudice; Mansfield Park; Persuasion by Jane Austen**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Heroic Couplets
- ◆ 2. Historical Novel



G. THE VICTORIAN PERIOD (1837 – 1900)

- ◆ **Named after Queen Victoria I of England in 1817.**
- ◆ **Similar to the Elizabethan Period; Victorian was one of the energetic expansion, imperial ambition and profound optimism about future of England and Mankind.**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS

- ◆ **1. The Pickwick Papers; Oliver Twist; David Copperfield; A tale of 2 cities; Great Expectations by Charles Dickens**
- ◆ **2. Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte**
- ◆ **3. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte**
- ◆ **4. The Cry of the Children by Elizabeth Barrett Browning**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Novels
- ◆ 2. Magazine Serials
- ◆ 3. Dramatic Monologue



H. THE 20TH CENTURY OR THE MODERN PERIOD

- ◆ **The literature of this period exemplifies the improved crafts of masters**
- ◆ **SIGNIFICANT LITERARY WORKS**
- ◆ **1. The Egoist by George Meredith**
- ◆ **2. To the lighthouse, A Room Of One's Own by Virginia Woolf**



SIGNIFICANT LITERARY GENRES

- ◆ 1. Novel
- ◆ 2. Blank Verse



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