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# BCS Preliminary English Course

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Literature

# Jacobean Period (1603-1625)

- Jacobean comes from the James-1
- Starting period of Metaphysical Poetry
- In this period, the poets supported Charles -1 while Civil War are called the Cavalier Poets.

# **Ben Jonson (1573-1637)**

- Father of English Realistic Comedy / Comedy of Humor (Connected to Medical Theory)
- Shakespeare was the actor of his Every Man in His Humor.
- He becomes the first Poet Laureate of England in 1616.

Works: 10 Comedy

1. Volpone or The Fox (V)

Characters: Volpone, Mosca, Celia

Quotes-

- o "Mischief's feed like beasts, till they be fat and then they bleed"
- o "Riches are in fortune a greater good then wisdom is in nature"
- 2. The Case is Altered
- 3. Every Man in His Humor (E)
- 4. Every Man Out of His Humor (E)
- 5. Epicoene or The Silent Woman (S)
- 6. Cynthia's Revels
- 7. A Tale of A Tub
- 8. The Isle of Dogs ur English Planet
- 9. The Alchemist (A)
- 10. Bartholomew Fair (Batho)

\*Tips: SAVE Bartho

### \*\* Remember:

A Tale of a Tub – Comedy - Ben Jonson

A Tale of a Tub - Essay - Jonathan Swift

A Tale of Two Cities - Novel - Charles Dickens

# **John Webster (1580–1634)**

Early Jacobean Period Dramatist

### Works:

1. Duchess of Malfi

Characters- Bosola, Fardinand, Cardinal

2. The White Devil.

Tips: Webster's White Wife (/Duchess)

# **John Donne (1572-1631)**

- Father of Metaphysical Poetry.
- He is called the Poet of Love

### Works:

- 1. A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning
- 'If they be two they are two so, / As stiff twin compasses are two.'
- 2. The Sun Rising
- 'She is all states and princesses I, nothing else is.'
- 3. The Good Morrow
- 4. The Canonization
- 'For God's sake hold your tongue, and let me love.'
- 5. The Ecstasy
- 6. The Flea
- 7. For Whom the Bell Tolls
- 8. Twicknam Garden

# Tips to Remember:

Sun rising - এর Good Morning –এ Canonization এই Ecstasy আসে মনে, এরপর Twick করে Bell Toll হয় Valediction এর!!

\*\*Remember ::

### **John Donne**

The Sun Rising (Poem)
For Whom the Bell Tolls (Poem)

### **Earnest Hemmingway**

The Sun Also Rises (Novel)
For Whom the Bell Tolls (Novel)

# Andrew Marvell (1621-78)

- He was a Metaphysical Poet

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Was a follower of John Donne

### Works:

- 1. To His Coy Mistress
- 2. The Definition of Love
- Theme Out of sight, close to mind.

# **George Herbert (1593-1633)**

- He was a Priest of a Church
- He is called the Religious Poet / Decon.

### Works:

- 1. The Easter Wings
- 2. The Temple
- 3. The Collar

### Quote:

- 'Help thyself and God will help thee.'
- 'The best mirror is an old friend.'

Tips to Remember – Temple e dariye Collar gulo du pashe choriye Wings hoye gelo!!

# **Robert Herrick (1591-1674)**

- The Greatest Cavalier Poet
- He was a clergyman

### Works:

- 1. To Daffodils
- Theme Short living of Human Being
- Here Human Life is compared with the Summer's Morning Dew / 'Hasting Day' is 'Hurriedly Passing day' / 'Even-song' is Evening Song or Evening Prayer
- 2. Delight in Disorder

### \*\* Remember:

To Daffodils – Robert Herrick

The Daffodils – William Wordsworth

# **Caroline Period (1625-1649)**

- Named after the name of the King Charles-1
- Cavalier Poets supported the King Charles-1, they were Secular
- Drama writing was banned in this age.
- Robert Herrick was very famous in this period.

# **John Milton (1608-1674)**

- Epic Poet of English Literature
- A Great Master of Blank Verse
- Blind Poet of English Literature, He got blind in 1652 (Blind Poet Homer)
- Last Star of Renaissance

### Works:

### Epics:

Paradise Lost

Theme- To Justify the ways of God to man.

Characters- Adam, Eve, Satan, Beelzebub

### Quotes:

- 'The mind its own place, and in itself / Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.'
- 'Better to reign in hell, than to serve in heaven.'
- 'Solitude sometimes is the best society/ And short retirement urges sweet returns.'
- 'Death is the golden key that opens the place of eternity.'
- 2. Paradise Regained
- 'Childhood shows the man as morning shows the day.'

Elegy: 1. Lycidas 2. Songs of Shakespeare

Drama (Tragedy): Samson Agonistes

Poem: On the Blindness

Prose: Areopagitica (on freedom of press and speech)

Tips: Are Paji, Lichu Lost Regain er Shamanno bepare Blind hote nei!

# The Commonwealth Period (1649-1660)

- A Period of 11 years with not much Literary creation
- Renaissance and Elizabethan light of romanticism get faded in that Period.

# **Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)**

A political Philosopher

Prose – Leviathan

- Showed logics on the Social Contact

## \*\*Remember:

Knowledge is power. — Thomas Hobbes Knowledge is itself a power. — Francis Bacon nished by George Chapman)

