

## **British Literary Time Periods Research Project**

You and your group members (no more than four students per group) will be assigned a literary time period to research and to teach to the class. Your final product will be a poster highlighting the quintessential elements of the literary movement, a polished Power Point presentation providing details and background, and a poem or an excerpt from a longer literary work that illustrates the characteristics of the literary movement. For each period, you will focus on the following: dates, political/historical context, social/cultural context, literary works, forms, and devices, and essential questions to consider.

### ***British Literary Time Periods***

1. The Anglo-Saxons (449 – 1066) & The Middle Ages (1066 – 1485)  
Popular literary forms & devices: ballads, couplets
2. The Renaissance (1485 – 1660)  
Popular literary forms & devices: Shakespearean sonnets, pastoral poetry
3. The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century (Neoclassicism) (1660 – 1800)  
Popular literary forms & devices: satires, essays
4. The Romantic Period (1798 – 1832)  
Popular literary forms & devices: gothic novel, vivid imagery
5. The Victorian Period (1832 – 1901)  
Popular literary forms & devices: you choose
6. The Modern Period (1900 – Present)  
Popular literary forms & devices: you choose

### ***Requirements for Power Point Presentation:***

- Influential political and historical events (no more than five dates of major events)
- Social and cultural context (art, music, pastimes, entertainment, etc.)
- Artwork that defines the movement, no more than three images
- Three literary works and their authors
- An excerpt from one of your literary works that is the best example of writing from that time period with its literary devices highlighted (choose literary devices that were popular during that movement)
- Questions from Bloom's Taxonomy (handout) for the class to consider as they listen to your presentation; you will submit answers to these questions as well.
- A presentation that is meticulously proofread and organized, aesthetically pleasing, and easy to read
- Clear and audible presenters

### ***Requirements for Poster:***

- An apt thematic statement defining the time period
- The most important big ideas of the movement
- Clear and apt visuals that complement the movement
- A poster that is meticulously proofread and organized, aesthetically pleasing, and easy to read