

## Old English

1. *Beowulf*
2. Bede, *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* + *Cædmon's Hymn*
3. *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*
4. Alfred: *Preface to Gregory's Pastoral Care, Boethius's Consolation of Philosophy, Augustine's Soliloquies*
5. *The Dream of the Rood*
6. Exeter Book Elegies: *The Ruin, The Wanderer, The Seafarer, The Wife's Lament, Wulf and Eadwacer*
7. Ælfric's *Life of St Edmund*
8. Wulfstan, *Sermon of Wolf to the English*
9. Heroic poems: *The Battle of Maldon, The Battle of Brunanburh, The Finnsburg Fragment*
10. Saints: *Judith, Elene, Andreas, Guthlac A and B*
11. *Christ I, II and III*
12. Exeter Book Riddles
13. *Exodus*
14. Short poems: *Deor, Widsith, Waldere*
15. Asser, *Life of King Alfred*
16. Aldhelm, *Riddles and In Praise of Virginity*
17. *Wonders of the East and Letter of Alexander to Aristotle*

## Middle English

18. *Ancrene Wisse*
19. *Owl and the Nightingale*
20. Layamon's *Brut*
21. Pearl poet: *Pearl, Patience, Cleanness, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
22. Walter Map, *De Nugis Curialium*
23. Geoffrey of Monmouth, *History of the Kings of Britain*
24. Marie de France, *Lais*
25. Chaucer: *Canterbury Tales, Troilus and Criseyde, Book of the Duchess, House of Fame, Legend of Good Women*
26. *Saint Erkenwald*
27. Langland, *Piers Plowman*
28. Gower, *Confessio Amantis*
29. *The Cloud of Unknowing*
30. Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love*
31. Margery Kempe, *Book of Margery Kempe*
32. Lydgate — selections from *Troy Book / Siege of Thebes / Fall of Princes*
33. *Mandeville's Travels*
34. Hoccleve — selections
35. Skelton — selections
36. Henryson — selections
37. Dunbar — selections
38. Medieval drama: *York Plays, Towneley Plays, Digby Play of Mary Magdalene, Croxton Play of the Sacrament, Everyman*
39. Malory, *Morte Darthur*
40. Middle English Romances: select three of the following: *Sir Orfeo, Havelock the Dane, King Horn, Bevis of Hampton, Guy of Warwick. Æthelstan, Alexander*

### **Classical/Late Antique/Other traditions**

41. St. Augustine, *Confessions*
42. Boethius, *Consolation of Philosophy*
43. Chrétien de Troyes: *Erec, Yvain, Lancelot, Perceval*
44. *Song of Roland*
45. *Roman de la Rose*
46. Dante, *Divine Comedy*
47. Boccaccio, *Decameron*
48. *The Mabinogi*
49. *Poetic Edda*
50. *Völsunga saga*
51. *The Táin*