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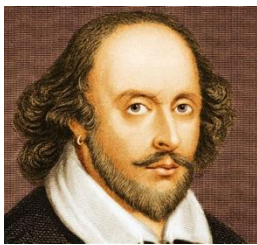
English Literature

Pre Learning Activities

Key figures in English Literature

There are well-known play wrights, poets as well as prose writers in English Literature. As the students of English Literature, you should have an idea about those great personnel. Here are only few of the great writers we meet in studying English Literature.

William Shakespeare



The best-known poet and playwright, who did an excellent service to the field of English Literature

John Keats



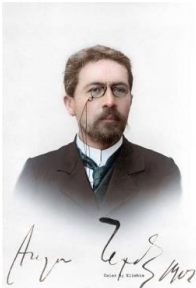
English poet who belongs to the second generation of Romantic Era; had the ability to pen highly sensuous emotions

Emily Dickinson



American poetess, who is well-known for the isolated life she spent.

Anton Chekhov



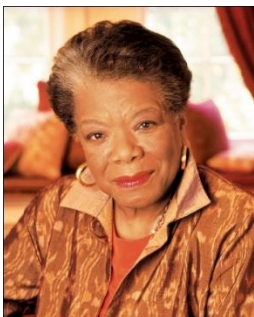
Russian playwright whose artistic works have been translated in to several languages

Oscar Wilde



Irish poet, prose-writer as well as playwright whose literary work could attract the adult readers as well as the young readers

Maya Angelou



Afro- American poetess who voiced against colour-bar that prevailed in South Africa and well known for her seven auto-biographies

Commonly used terms in English Literature

1. **Genre** - Various types of literary work . The five main literary genres are;

- *Fiction* - The literary work is based on imaginary characters, features & incidents. It includes fantasy, historical fiction, contemporary fiction, mystery and science fiction.
- *non-fiction* - Based on real life incidents and true characters. Biographies, auto-biographies and memoir come under this category.
- *drama* - Introduced as drama or play which is a story created specifically for stage performance.
- *poetry* - In this style of writing, words are arranged in a metrical and often in a rhymed verse.
- *folktale* - Called as mythology too. Originally oral literature and carries a moral.

In your G.C.E. (O/L) syllabus, you have to study 20 poems, two fictions & two non-fictions under the category prose, two dramas and one selected novel that comes under the genre fiction.

Answer these questions.

Activity 1

Go through your English Literature Text Book and find the names of

two poets :

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two poetesses :

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one fiction:

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one non-fiction:

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one play :

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Activity 2

Read and match

Term	meaning
Colour-bar	The way a poet creates rhythm
Isolated	Dramatist
Sensuous	Lonely
Playwright	Separation of people according to the race
Metrical pattern	Affecting the senses

Post Learning Activity

These are some of the renowned literary works in the field of English Literature.
Can you name the literary genre they belong to? You may browse the internet.

Literary Work	Author	Genre
The Merchant of Venice	William Shakespeare	
I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud	William Wordsworth	
Happy Prince	Oscar Wilde	
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Autobiography)	Maya Angelou	

Please refer to:

<https://vhblog.vistahigherlearning.com>

Assessment

Use the link below and do the activity.



<https://www.wordwall.net/play/21532/735/475>