

## English 300: Literature Timelines Assignment

Make up two timelines: one for the development of English Literature and another one for the development of American Literature. **Be sure to include all of the following periods in the appropriate places.**

For each period, you should list at least **four of the best-known writers**, and for each writer, you should **list their most famous work** (or, at least, one of the famous works). (hint: for the Middle Ages, there will be some works without an author because we don't know who the author is.)

There are a few things to be careful about: first, be sure to **use only English writers for the timeline of English literature** (you may include other British writers as well if you like). And second, be sure to **use only American writers for the timeline of American literature**. You should not include any writers from other countries: so Dante, for instance, or Dostoyevsky should not be listed. Moreover, you should **include only writers who wrote imaginative literature (novels, poems, short stories, etc)**. Thus, you should avoid writers like Adam Smith or works like the King James Bible. (The one exception is in the section "Early American Literature" where you may use one or two writers who did not write literature).

Try using the Norton website for resource material, as well as some of the companions and anthologies we learned about in our Library Session.

Periods to include in the Timeline for English Literature (in random order)

- 1) Restoration
- 2) Post-modernism
- 3) 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- 4) Renaissance/Early Modern Period
- 5) Romanticism
- 6) Medieval/Middle Ages
- 7) Modernism
- 8) Victorian Period

Periods to include in the Timeline of American Literature (in chronological order)

- 1) 1600-1820 Early American Literature
- 2) 1820-1865 Antebellum
- 3) 1865-1914 Postbellum (Realism and Naturalism)
- 4) 1914-1945 Modernism
- 5) 1945-Present Post-Modernism