

Wynken de Worde  
shifts English  
printing to focus  
on more  
inexpensive texts.

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Recuyell of the  
Historyes of Troye  
is the first book  
printed in English.

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The Vikings,  
Normans, and  
Scots ransacked  
medieval England.

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Royal marriages  
gain allies for the  
nation and are not  
based on love.

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England annexes  
Wales.

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The mirror for  
princes genre  
teaches politics to  
nobility.

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William Bullokar  
writes the first  
book of English  
grammar in 1580.

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Elizabeth I serves  
as an inspiration to  
many writers.

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William  
Shakespeare's  
works are the most  
canonical in  
English Literature.

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John Milton  
responds to  
political turmoil by  
writing Paradise  
Lost.

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Thomas Hobbes  
generates the idea  
of the social  
contract.

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Isaac Newton  
pioneers new  
discoveries in the  
field of classical  
mechanics.

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Phillis Wheatley, a  
slave, astounds  
England and  
America alike with  
her poetic skill.

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Frederick William  
Herschel discovers  
the planet Uranus.

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The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire becomes a classic of historiography.

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William Blake, a poet, painter, and printmaker, epitomizes Romanticism in England.

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Jane Austen  
represents the  
lives and concerns  
of the English  
gentry.

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Mary Shelley  
pioneers the  
science fiction  
genre.

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Charles Darwin  
reshapes natural  
history and religion  
with his theory of  
evolution.

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The Oxford English Dictionary documents the evolution of the English language.

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