

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.

2

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.

3

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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