

British Literature Book List

There are lots of options for acquiring these books. You can order them from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or another online retailer. If you want to save money, you can check them out of the library. For most of them, you can get e-book versions or access them online and read them on your computer screen.

Please take note of my comments below. In some cases, the particular edition or translation is important.

These are the only books you are required to obtain. We will be providing online versions of most of the shorter works we will be reading.

***Beowulf* (Seamus Heaney translation)**

Be sure to get the right translation.

***The Canterbury Tales*, by Chaucer**

We will be reading the Prologue and four tales. You can find them online, but I recommend purchasing the whole book. Not concerned about the translation here.

- The Prologue
- “The Knight’s Tale”
- “The Franklin’s Tale”
- “The Pardoner’s Tale”
- “The Nun’s Priest’s Tale”

“Gawain and the Green Knight” (J.R.R. Tolkien translation)

There are other translations that are fine, but students like the fact that the author of *The Lord of the Rings* did this one.

***Fierce Wars and Faithful Loves: Book I of Spenser’s The Faerie Queene*, by Roy Maynard**

We’ll be reading Book 1 of Edmund Spenser’s *The Faerie Queene*, but I want you to get hold of one particular version called *Fierce Wars and Faithful Loves*, edited and annotated by Roy Maynard. It’s great; trust me.

***Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare**

Be sure to obtain an unabridged version.

***Henry IV, Part 1*, by William Shakespeare**

***Henry IV, Part 2*, by William Shakespeare**

***Henry V*: 1989 Film directed by Kenneth Branagh**

That's right. You don't need a print version of this play unless you want to both read and watch it. Instead of reading this week, students will watch a really good film production directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh. If you can find a streaming version, great. Otherwise, try libraries.

***Paradise Lost*, by John Milton**

Any unabridged edition will work.

***Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley**

Any unabridged edition will work.

***Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Brontë**

Any unabridged version will do.

***David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens**

Any unabridged version will do.

***1984*, by George Orwell**

Any unabridged version will do.