

# ENGL 261: BRITISH LITERATURE 1

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This course is a survey of British literature from its beginnings through the 18th century. We will delve into the rich history of the British Isles through engagement with a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts, including epics, novels, plays, poems, essays, letters, and speeches. Along the way, we will discover a wide diversity of creative practice and human experience that took place in this relatively small geographic location. Through our explorations, we will trace the continuities and transformations within this vast period of literary history (almost 1,000 years!) and hopefully find something of ourselves there, too.



Some possible authors:

- Geoffrey Chaucer
- Daniel Defoe
- Marie de France
- John Donne
- John Milton
- Thomas More
- William Shakespeare
- Jonathan Swift
- Mary Wollstonecraft