UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION READING LIST
EARLY MODERN ENGLISH LITERATURE

The following is a list of primary documents for doctoral candidates to use as a guide in preparing for their comprehensive examination in the field of early modern English literature. Students must choose 20-30 authors from the following list, striking a balance among drama, prose, and poetry. Authors who write in multiple genres (indicated by an asterisk) can be counted more than once. Any substitutions or changes to these guidelines must be pre-approved by early modern literature faculty. In addition, students are required to compile a bibliography of secondary readings appropriate to their list of primary documents. This bibliography must include at least 15 readings, no fewer than 5 of which must be monographs.

**Drama** (includes commercial, civic, court, and closet forms)
Anonymous, including
   - *Arden of Faversham*. 1592.
   - *Sir Thomas More*
   - *Pathomachia*. 1630.
   - *Swetnam, the Woman-Hater, Arraigned by Women*. 1620.
   - *The Tragedy of Nero*. 1624.
Collaborative, including
   - All Beaumont and Fletcher
   - Shakespeare and Fletcher. *Henry VIII* (1613) and *Two Noble Kinsmen*. 1634

Francis Beaumont*
Elizabeth Cary
Margaret Cavendish*
George Chapman
Thomas Dekker*
Robert Daborne
George Gascoigne
John Fletcher*
John Ford
Thomas Heywood*
Ben Jonson*
Thomas Kyd
Christopher Marlowe*
John Marston
Philip Massinger
Thomas Middleton
John Milton*
William Shakespeare*
James Shirley
Cyril Tourneur
John Webster

Prose (including essays, tracts, travelogues, chronicles, and translations)
Book of Homilies
Elizabeth I
James I and IV
Francis Bacon
John Bulwer
Robert Burton
Margaret Cavendish*
Thomas Dekker*
John Florio
John Foxe
Richard Hakluyt
Thomas Hariot
Thomas Heywood*
Thomas Hoby
Thomas Hobbes
Raphael Holinshed
Ben Jonson*
Thomas Lodge*
John Milton*
Thomas More
Thomas Nashe*
Samuel Purchas
George Puttenham
Walter Raleigh*
Reginald Scott
Philip Sidney*
John Stow
Philip Stubbes

Poetry (including epic and various lyric forms)
John Donne
Michael Drayton
George Herbert
Robert Herrick
Ben Jonson*
Aemilia Lanyer
Thomas Lodge*
Christopher Marlowe*
Andrew Marvell
John Milton*
Thomas Nashe*
Katherine Phillips
Walter Raleigh*
William Shakespeare*
Philip Sidney*
Edmund Spenser*
Henry Howard Surrey
Henry Vaughn
Mary Wroth
Thomas Wyatt

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