

Notes for B. A. English (Hons.) Part- I

Periods of English Literature: A General Introductory Classification

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Historians have divided the continuity of English literatures into periods for convenience of discussion because for purposes of study it is necessary to break a large subject into parts. **The exact dates, number and names of these periods may vary depending on the sources but the list below conforms to widespread practice.**

450-1066 Old English or Anglo-Saxon Period

1066-1500 Middle English Period

1500-1660 The Renaissance

1558-1603 Elizabethan Age

1603-1625 Jacobean Age

1625-1649 Caroline Age

1649-1660 Commonwealth Period or Puritan Interregnum

1660-1785 The Neoclassical Period

1660-1700 The Restoration

1700-1745 The Augustan Age or the Age of **Pope**

1745-1785 The Age of Sensibility or the Age of **Johnson**

1785-1832 The Romantic Period

1832-1901 The Victorian Period

1901-1945 The Modern Period

1945-- **The Postmodern Period**

N. B. : The details regarding the above mentioned age would be shared through subsequent Notes

Sources and Recommendations for further Reading:-

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