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John **Dryden** (1631-1700)

John **Gay** (1685-1732)

Alexander **Pope** (1688-1744)

Jonathan **Swift** (1667-1745)

Samuel **Johnson** (1709-84)

James **Thomson** (1700-1748)

1708 Shaftesbury, *Letter concerning Enthusiasm*

1711 Pope, *Essay on Criticism*

1712 Pope, *Rape of the Lock*

1716 Gay, *Trivia*

Thomas **Gray** (1716-1771)

1719 Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*

1726 Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*

Thomson, *Winter*

1728 Gay, *The Beggar's Opera*

Oliver **Goldsmith** (?1730-1774)

1733 Pope, *Essay on Man*

1742 Edward Young, *Night Thoughts*

1747 Richardson, *Clarissa*

- 1751 Gray, *Elegy ... in a Country Churchyard*
1755 Rousseau, *Discours sur l'inégalité*
1760 Sterne, *Tristram Shandy*
1766 Goldsmith, *Vicar of Wakefield*
Lessing, *Laokoon*
1770 Goldsmith, *Deserted Village*
1774 Goethe, *Werther*
1781 Schiller, *Die Räuber*
1782-9 Rousseau, *Confessions*