



HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : Any Interested Learners

PRE-REQUISITES : No formal pre-requisites. However, a familiarity with and an interest in English literary studies would be much appreciated. Industry that will recognize this course. The course is best suited for the academic fraternity.

COURSE OUTLINE :

This course is a chronological survey of the major forces and voices that have contributed to the development of an English literary tradition. It intends to cover the literary ground from the Old English Period till the mid twentieth century focusing on the emergence, evolution and progress of English language and literature through different ages and periods. The course will showcase major literary moments, movements and events in the context of the social, political, religious and economic changes that shaped England and its history from the 5th century BC onwards. The objective of the course is to enable a critical understanding of the intellectual history of England and to equip the learners to analyse literary products within particular socio-historical contexts.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Merin Simi Raj is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Madras. She specializes in Postcolonial Writing, Modernity Studies and Historiography Studies. Her teaches History of English Language and Literature, Indian fiction in English, Literary Criticism, World Literature and Feminist Writings.

COURSE PLAN :

- Week 01** : Introduction and Old English Period
- Week 02** : Middle English Period and Renaissance
- Week 03** : English Renaissance and Elizabethan Period
- Week 04** : The Age of Shakespeare
- Week 05** : The Restoration Age to Enlightenment
- Week 06** : Augustan Age
- Week 07** : The Romantic Age
- Week 08** : The Age of Wordsworth and Romantic poetry
- Week 09** : The Victorian Age
- Week 10** : The Rise of the Novel
- Week 11** : The Age of Modernism
- Week 12** : The Age of Postmodernism