

## ملف لأهم الكتاب والشعراء والشخصيات السياسية في المقرر لدكتور جاك اورقن

1-**Shakespeare** was born in the Elizabethan period when England was rising as a world power.

- \*The language of Shakespeare was different than today's English but can be understood.
- William Shakespeare is seen as the greatest writer in the English language.

### **16th Century England and William Shakespeare:**

The rise of Europe and the beginnings of Britain's overseas influence. The greatest writer in the most influential language in the world. Sonnet 18-The theme of love and the beauty of 'Middle England

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2-**Andrew Marvell** was poet and Politician, he is influence society

Major points to consider pre-lecture:

- We learnt about how English rose as a world power in the Elizabethan age
- Today we learn about a crisis in English society and how this shaped a lot of modern English culture and thought.
- This crisis and the response to this crisis was the basis of England's rise to world dominance.

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3-**John Locke** FRS (29 August 1632 – 28 October 1704), was an English philosopher regarded as one of the most influential of Enlightenment thinkers and known as the 'Father of Classical Liberalism

### **John Locke-Two Treatises on Government'**

This is John Locke's book on political thought and had a big influence in the UK and on the founding ideas of the USA.

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### **4-Adam Smith and Economics**

. Adam Smith (June 5th 1723-July 17th 1790) was a Scottish Moral Philosopher and Economist. . He is often called the „Father of Modern Economics., • He wrote' An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations“ in 1776 which was the first modern work of economics and has had a very big influence on the modern economic world. • He observed the economies of many European societies and wrote his book based on the observations. • Smith laid the foundations of classical free market economic theory

5-**William Wordsworth** • William Wordsworth (7 April 1770- 23 April 1850) was a major English Romantic poet. • Famous for his poems about the English countryside. • Lived in the „Lake District“ and was an important 'Lake Poet., • Wrote many famous poems including; the Prelude, the Lucy Poems, Lyrical Ballads and Laodamia. • Seen as one of the greatest poets in the English language..

**The Daffodils** • One of the most famous poems in the English language. • It is often called „I wandered lonely as a cloud.“ • A daffodil is a beautiful flower that appears in great numbers in late spring in the UK. • I recommend that you take a look at a picture of some daffodils and some pictures of the Lake District before we start looking at the poem.

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6-**William Blake** • William Blake (28 November 1757 - 12 August 1827) was an English poet, painter and printmaker. • He wasn't famous during his lifetime and died very poor. • He hated the effect that the Industrial Revolution was having on the life and people of Britain. • Was a great painter, as well as poet.

**The Tyger** • A poem in Blake's great work of poetry: „Songs of Innocence and Experience.“ • It is called the „most famous of his works“. • It is a classic of English poetry. • Many people have different ideas about what it is about. • Many see it as a large metaphor for the Industrial Revolution. • The imagery is of a Tiger that is powerful and terrible like the Industrial Revolution. • vger is an 18th Century spelling of the modern world tiger

7-**Jane Austen** • Jane Austen(16 December 1775- 18 July 1817) was an English novelist whose wrote works of romantic fiction. • They were mainly set among the landed gentry of Georgian England. • The landed gentry were a branch of the English upper classes that lived on inherited wealth from ownership of land. • Jane Austen is one of the most loved novelists in the English language. • She is famous for Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion.

**Pride and Prejudice** • About the universal themes of love and marriage. • The main characters are Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet who overcome their pride and prejudice against each other to admit their love and get married. • The novel explores themes like social class, the role of women and upper class hypocrisy. • There was a TV version released in 1995 that became very popular all over the world. • The 2005 film version which starred Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfayden brought the story to a new generation

## **8-Charles Dickens**

- Charles Dickens 7th February 1812 – 9th June 1870 was an English novelist.
- He created some of the world's most memorable fictional characters like Scrooge and Oliver Twist.
- Is generally regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian period and his name is used to describe the period. We talk of 'Dickensian London' or we talk of a 'Dickensian Scene' to describe a situation of great poverty.
- Famous for his powerful descriptions.
- Some of his famous novels include: 'A Christmas Carol', 'Oliver Twist' and 'Great Expectations'

## **A Tale of Two Cities**

- A Tale of Two Cities (1859) is a novel by Charles Dickens, set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution.
- It has sold over two hundred million copies.
- It is one of the most famous fictional works in history.
- It talks about the brutality and violence of France before the revolution and then talks about how the revolutionaries become just as brutal and violent after the revolution.
- Though it shows the injustice of both French and British society, the book's message is that revolution isn't a good thing

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## **9-George Washington**

- George Washington was born in 1731 and died in 1799.
- He was the first President of the United States.
- He was President from 1789 to 1797.
- He was the Commander-in-Chief of the American army during the Revolutionary War.
- He is seen as a 'Founding Father' of the USA.
- He came from a wealthy, land owning background..

## **10-Abraham Lincoln**

- Was born in 1809 and was assassinated in 1865.
- Became president of the USA in March 1861.
- His election as President started the American Civil War because he was well known for being anti-slavery.
- He was born into a poor family in the Western Frontier of the USA.
- He educated himself and became a lawyer.
- Seen by many as the greatest American President.
- Led the North to victory in the Civil War.
- Was assassinated by a Southern supporter in a theatre in April 1865.

### 11-E.M. Forster

•Edward Morgan Forster; 1st January 1879 –7th June 1970, was an English novelist, short story writer and essayist.

•He wrote many famous novels including 'Howard's End', 'A Room with a View', 'Where Angels Fear to Tread' and 'A Passage to India.'

•Wrote a lot about British hypocrisy and the class system.

•He lived for a few years in India in the early 1920's and his observations of Indian society lead him to write 'A Passage to India

#### . **A Passage to India'**

•It is one of the greatest novels about the British experience in India.

•It won Forster a major literary prize.

•It is listed as the 25th best novel in the English language in the 20th Century.

•The novel made Forster a commercial success.

•It was turned into a film in 1984 which won many Oscars.

•The main characters are Dr. Aziz, Cyril Fielding, Adela Quested and Mrs. Moore

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### 12-Joseph Conrad

•Joseph Conrad lived from 1857 until 1924.

•Conrad is seen as one of the best writers in the English language though he was of Polish origin and always spoke English with an accent.

•He became a British citizen in 1886.

•He had been a sailor and wrote a lot about life on the sea including two of his great novels; 'Lord Jim' and 'Nostromo'.

•Seen as the first 'Modernist' writer.

•Said to be 'prophetic' especially how he predicted the European empires to crumble..

#### **Heart of Darkness'**

•A very short novel but seen as a very great novel.

•All about the main character Charles Marlow who captains a river boat on the Congo river.

•He is searching for a man called Kurtz, an ivory hunter who is going mad in the centre of the African jungle.

•It explores the cruelty of the Belgian colonialists, European racism and ideas of civilization and savagery.

•Was accused of being a 'racist novel' by Nigerian writer, Chinua Achebe.

### **13 James Joyce**

- James Joyce 1882-1941 was an Irish novelist and poet.
- He is famous for the books: 'The Dubliners', 'Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man', 'Ulysses' and 'Finnegan's Wake'.
- He was from a Catholic background and so not one of the 'Anglo-Irish.'
- Most of his writings concentrate on Dublin and he helped create the powerful 'literary' atmosphere of the city.
- He is, probably, the most important writer in the English language in the 20th Century.
- Joyce spent most of his life living in mainland Europe but still wrote all his novels about his hometown, Dublin.

### **Ulysses**

- Seen as the greatest work of 'Modernist Literature'.
- Regarded by many as the greatest novel of the 20th Century.
- A very long, 260,000 words, and complex novel. Some have found it difficult and confusing.
- The novel is skilfully based on the Great Greek Epic, the Odyssey by Homer.
- Based on the events of a few, normal days in Dublin.
- Explores some of the 'wonder' of everyday life.
- Made a lot of use of the 'Stream of Consciousness' technique that allows Joyce to show the deeper thinking of his characters

### **The Legacy of Ulysses**

- The great English/American poet T.S. Elliot said of Ulysses: "I hold this book to be the most important expression which the present age has found; it is a book to which we are all indebted, and from which none of us can escape."
- Though the book has been controversial, this has mainly been due to people's misunderstanding of the book.
- Has inspired a number of 20th Century writers and many artists say that they have been influenced by the book

#### **14-Rupert Brooke**

- Was born in 1887 and died on 23rd April 1915 at the age of 27.
- Died of an infected mosquito bite on his way to the battlefield of Gallipoli in Ottoman Turkey.
- The Irish poet W.B. Yeats described him as 'the handsomest young man in England.'
- A symbol of the 'waste of youth' of a whole generation because of the war.
- He wrote many poems but his most famous was 'The Soldier'..

#### **The Soldier**

- One of the great poems of the 20th Century.
- Has been criticized for being pro-war and overly patriotic.
- It is contrast to many of the other war poets whose poems were anti the war.
- Thomas Hardy, a famous writer and poet, wrote a poem directly against 'The Soldier.'
- However, despite all this, it is a beautiful and inspiring poem and talks of many of the things we have studied in this course.
- It is a fourteen line sonnet.
- Brooke grew up in Warwickshire, in the centre of England.