

## Cultural Literary Timeline for Jane Austen

Date	Historical/Cultural	Literature (Authors/Works)
800-400 BC	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Greek Classical Period</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>THE CLASSICS</i></p> <p><b>Some examples of Ancient Greek writing are:</b>  two great epic poems : <i>The Iliad</i> and <i>The Odyssey</i> by Homer (attrib) (600 to 800 BC)</p> <p><b>Drama:</b> <i>Oedipus the King</i> (429 BC) by Sophocles, and <i>Medea</i> (431 BC) by Euripedes</p> <p><b>Philosophy:</b> Writings by Socrates and Aristotle; <i>The Republic</i> (380 BC) by Plato (429-347 BC)</p>
27 BC-14 AD	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Roman Empire</u></b></p> <p>The First Augustan Age - of Emperor Augustus</p>	<p><b>Some famous Roman writers in Latin are:</b></p> <p><b>Poets :</b>Virgil (70-19 BC) writer of <i>The Aeneid</i> (19 BC), Catullus (80?-54 BC), Horace (65-8 BC), Ovid (43-17 BC)</p> <p><b>Historians:</b> (1) Julius Caesar (100-44 BC) and (2) Pliny the Younger (61BC-111 AD), writing about (1) Wars and (2)Vesuvius erupting 79 AD</p> <p><u>Jane Austen's father, George, was an accomplished scholar of these times and works, and he taught both Greek and Latin.)</u></p>

<p><b>450-1066</b></p>	<p><b><u>Old English (Anglo-Saxon) Period</u></b></p>	<p>Very little has survived from this time</p> <p><i>Beowulf</i> ( 800 ? AD) poem in Old English, anonymous. First major work written in early English (not Latin), telling a great adventure story</p>
<p><b>1066-1500</b></p>	<p>The Normans (from France) conquer England 1066</p> <p><b><u>Middle English Period</u></b></p>	<p><i>Piers Plowman</i> (by Langland (1330-1386) and <i>Sir Gawain and The Green Knight</i> (anon); both poems in Middle English, written in late 1300s</p> <p><i>The Canterbury Tales</i> (1387 ) by Chaucer (1340? -1400) written in Middle English</p> <p>The printing press invented, Germany (1440 ?)</p> <p>Italian writers of stories in Latin or Italian in this period were: Dante (1265-1321) <i>The Divine Comedy</i>, Petrarch (1304-74) creator of the sonnet and Boccaccio (1313 -75) <i>The Decameron</i></p>
<p><b>1500-1660</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Renaissance</u></b></p> <p><b>1558-1603 Elizabethan Age</b></p>	<p>(All writers listed below are using the English language, unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>Edmund Spenser (1552-1599) poet</p> <p>The Globe theatre (1599)</p> <p>Christopher Marlowe (1564-93) playwright</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1603- 1625 Jacobean Age</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1649 -1660 Commonwealth Period</b></p>	<p>William Shakespeare (1564-1616) playwright and poet</p> <p>Ben Johnson (1572-1637) playwright and essayist</p> <p>John Donne (1572-1631) poet</p> <p><i>Don Quixote</i> (1605-15) a story of chivalry and adventure, written in Spanish not Latin, by Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)</p> <p>Andrew Marvel (1621-78) poet</p>
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