

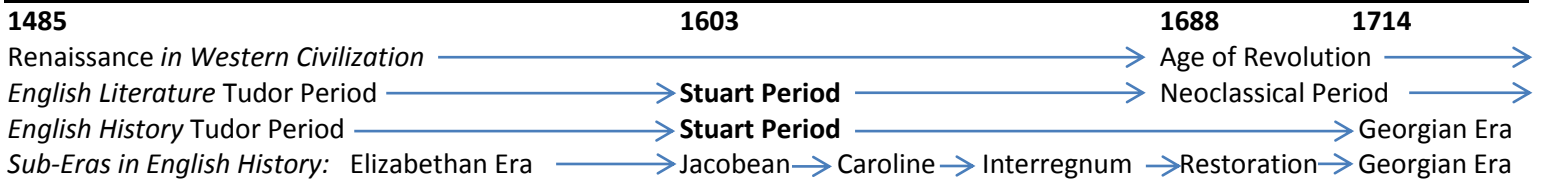
BRITISH LITERATURE LECTURE

STUART PERIOD



Stuart Period was the second half of the Renaissance in England – 1603-1688

- From Death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603
- To the Glorious Revolution of 1688 with the beginning of the reign of William & Mary



England's Historic Timeline of Stuart Era

James I ruled England 1603-1625

- ❖ Officially Protestant but neutral to Catholicism
- ❖ Valued Religious Conformity
- ❖ Drove out Puritans and Separatists (such as the Pilgrims) leading to migration to New England 1620's and 1630's

Charles I ruled England 1625-1649

- ❖ Cruelty to Protestants in Scotland & England
- ❖ Riots in Scotland

THE CIVIL WAR 1642-1649

- ❖ Oliver Cromwell & the Protestants versus Charles I
- ❖ Puritan **Roundheads** versus Royalist **Cavaliers**
- ❖ Charles I loses his head!

THE COMMONWEALTH ERA 1649-1660

- ❖ Otherwise known as the "Interregnum" – between kings
- ❖ Lord Protector **Oliver Cromwell**
- ❖ Division between Presbyterians in Parliament and Independent Protestants in Military



Oliver Cromwell



The Great Fire of 1666

THE RESTORATION

Charles II ruled England 1660-1685

- ❖ Poor character – devoted to pleasure, self-serving, scandalous
- ❖ Great Plague of London 1665
- ❖ Great Fire of London 1666

James II ruled England 1685-1688

- ❖ The first avowed Catholic ruler of England since Mary I

THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION! 1688 :-D

- ❖ Parliament invited the daughter of James II (Mary) and her husband William to come and rule instead
- ❖ With no support, James II fled the country & Mary II and William III were crowned
- ❖ A Revolution without a drop of blood shed!

King William III and Mary II ruled England 1688-1702

- ❖ Mary II was daughter of James II
- ❖ Protestantism restored
- ❖ The Declaration of Rights 1688
- ❖ The Toleration Act 1689



William and Mary

This Chapter's Authors

SIR FRANCIS BACON

Of Studies

- ❖ advocate and practitioner of the scientific method during the scientific revolution
- ❖ famously died of pneumonia contracted while studying the effects of freezing on the preservation of meat.



Sir Francis Bacon

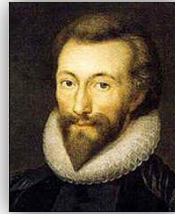
JOHN DONNE

Holy Sonnet 7

Hymn to God the Father

Sermon

- ❖ Converted from Catholic cynic to prominent Protestant/Anglican preacher



John Donne

BEN JONSON

On My First Son

To the Memory of My Beloved Master

William Shakespeare

- ❖ Converted to Catholicism
- ❖ Wrote plays for the Lord's Chamberlain's Men
- ❖ Self-important, quarrelsome, frequently embroiled in controversy
- ❖ Leader of literary London



Ben Jonson



JOHN MILTON

Paradise Lost

- ❖ Wrote essays and poems
- ❖ Most famous for his epic poem on the fall and redemption of man!
- ❖ Wrote it when he was blind, arthritic and ostracized from public life



John Milton

JOHN BUNYAN

The Pilgrim's Progress

- ❖ Converted tinsmith of Bedfordshire
- ❖ Jailed for refusing to stop preaching during reign of Charles II
- ❖ Wrote the masterpiece while locked up in jail



John Bunyan

