

3. AN INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE (600-1500)

Objectives & Outcomes:

After going through the course the learner would be able to

- Learn the features of Old English, Middle English and Renaissance Periods.
- Review the aspects of literary genres, forms and terms of the period.
- Identify the characteristics of poetry, drama and literary criticism.
- Have a detailed understanding of the literary texts.

UNIT-I

History of English Literature-- Old English, Middle English, Renaissance period

UNIT-II

Literary Genres--Poetry, Drama, Ballad, Epic, Alliteration, Elegy, Sonnet, Mystery/Miracle Plays, Morality Play

UNIT-III

Poetry--- Geoffrey Chaucer: *Controlling the Tongue*

Edmund Spenser: Sonnet 73 (*Lyke as a Byrd*)from Amoretti

UNIT-IV

Drama--- Christopher Marlowe: *The Jew of Malta*

UNIT-V

Literary Criticism--- Philip Sydney: *An Apology for Poetry*

Reference:

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- Eagleton, Terry. 2007. *How to Read a Poem*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- M.S.Naagarajan. 2006. *English Literary Criticism & Theory*.
- Barry, Peter. 2010. *Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary Theory and Cultural Theory*, Manchester University Press, Manchester.
- M H Abrams. 2015. *Glossary of Literary Terms*. Cengage learning
- Stephen. *Renaissance Self-Fashioning*. 1980. *From More to Shakespeare*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Activities:

To prepare biographies of the authors prescribed for the study.

To prepare charts of authors with different literary genres.

Group discussion on characteristics of the literary period.

Seminar presentations on the literary texts prescribed.

Components of Evaluation:

Objectives	Marks (Maximum 100)
Unit – I	15
Unit – II	15
Unit – III	15
Unit – IV	15
Unit – V	15
Internal Marks	25