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Literature

Readability Scores

GRADE 12, BRITISH LITERATURE UNIT 1

from *Beowulf*

Difficulty Level: Average

from *The Iliad* by Homer

Difficulty Level: Average

from *A History of the English Church and People* by The Venerable Bede

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile® 1270, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.4

“The Seafarer” / “The Wanderer” / “The Wife’s Lament”

Difficulty Level: Average

from *The Book of Margery Kempe* by Margery Kempe

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1720, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.8

from *The Paston Letters* by The Paston Family

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1250, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.4

from *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer

Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *The Canterbury Tales*: from *The Pardoner’s Tale* by Geoffrey Chaucer

Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *The Canterbury Tales*: from *The Wife of Bath’s Tale* by Geoffrey Chaucer

Difficulty Level: Challenging



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from *A Distant Mirror* by Barbara Tuchman
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1610, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 8.0

“In the Footsteps of the Faithful” by Taras Grescoe
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1480, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 8.5

“Federigo’s Falcon: Fifth Day, Ninth Story” by Giovanni Boccaccio
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1520, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.4

“Barbara Allan” / “Robin Hood and the Three Squires” /
“Get Up and Bar the Door”
Difficulty Level: Average

from *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
Difficulty Level: Average

from *Le Morte d’Arthur* by Sir Thomas Malory
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1080, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.0

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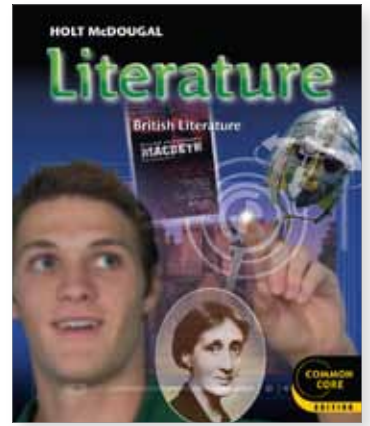
“The Passionate Shepherd to His Love” by Christopher Marlowe / “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd”
by Sir Walter Raleigh
Difficulty Level: Average

“Sonnet 30” / “Sonnet 75” both by Edmund Spenser
Difficulty Level: Average

“Sonnet 18” / “Sonnet 29” / “Sonnet 116” / “Sonnet 130” all by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Sonnet 90” / “Sonnet 292” both by Francesco Petrarch
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Macbeth: Act I by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging



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The Tragedy of Macbeth: Act II by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Macbeth: Act III by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Macbeth: Act IV by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Macbeth: Act V by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *Holinshed's Chronicles* by Raphael Holinshed
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1630, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 8.0

“Out, Damn Slander, Out” by Julie Traves
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1400, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 8.9

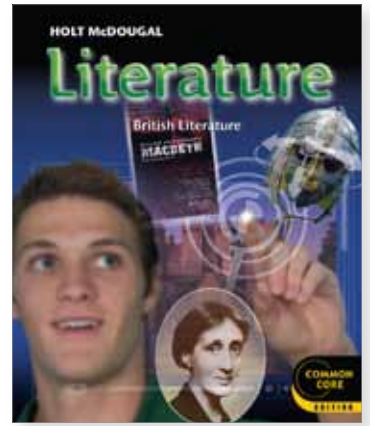
from *Utopia* by Sir Thomas More
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1440, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.5

“Speech before the Spanish Armada Invasion” by Queen Elizabeth I
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1310, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 9.1

from *The Prince* by Niccolò Machiavelli
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1350, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.4

“Of Studies” by Sir Francis Bacon
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 890, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.9

“Of Marriage and Single Life” by Sir Francis Bacon
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1250, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.6



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“Female Orations” by Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1060, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 8.4

Selections from the King James Bible

Difficulty Level: Average

“How Soon Hath Time” / “When I Consider How My Light is Spent”

both by John Milton

Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *Paradise Lost* by John Milton

Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *The Pilgrim’s Progress* by John Bunyan

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1300, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.9

Selected Poetry of John Donne

Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Meditation 17” by John Donne

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 960, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.9

“On My First Son” / “Song: To Celia” both by Ben Jonson

Difficulty Level: Average

“To His Coy Mistress” by Andrew Marvell/ “To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time”

by Robert Herrick/ “To Althea, from Prison” by Richard Lovelace

Difficulty Level: Challenging

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from *The Diary of Samuel Pepys* by Samuel Pepys

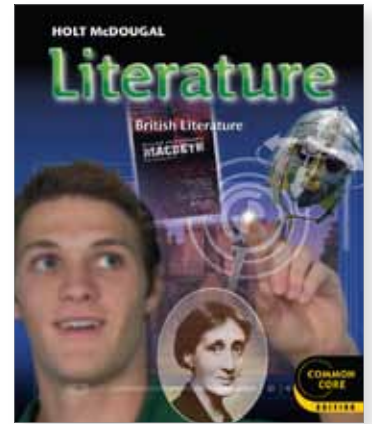
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from *A Journal of the Plague Year* by Daniel Defoe

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1470, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.4



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from *The Spectator* by Joseph Addison
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1300, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.1

from “The Rape of the Lock” by Alexander Pope
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“A Modest Proposal” by Jonathan Swift
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1590, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 9.0

from *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1330, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.5

from *Candide* by Voltaire
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1110, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.2

from *A Dictionary of the English Language* by Samuel Johnson
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1510, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 8.5

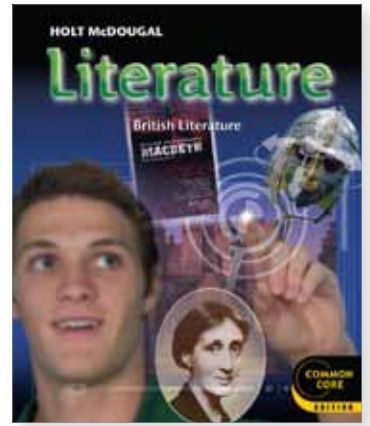
from *The Life of Samuel Johnson* by James Boswell
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1060, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.9

“Elegy Written in A Country Churchyard” by Thomas Gray
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“On Her Loving Two Equally” by Aphra Behn/ “Written at the Close of Spring” by Charlotte Smith
Difficulty Level: Average

“An Encounter with King George III” by Fanny Burney
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1380, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 7.2

from *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* by Mary Wollstonecraft
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1350, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 9.0



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Selected Poetry by William Blake
Difficulty Level: Average

“To a Louse” / “To a Mouse” both by Robert Burns
Difficulty Level: Average

“The Lorelei” by Heinrich Heine
Difficulty Level: Average

Selected Poetry by William Wordsworth
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Difficulty Level: Challenging

from *Coleridge’s Dreamscape: “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”* by C.M. Bowra
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1340, Dale-Chall 7.8

“Kubla Khan” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Difficulty Level: Challenging

Selected Poetry by George Gordon, Lord Byron
Difficulty Level: Average

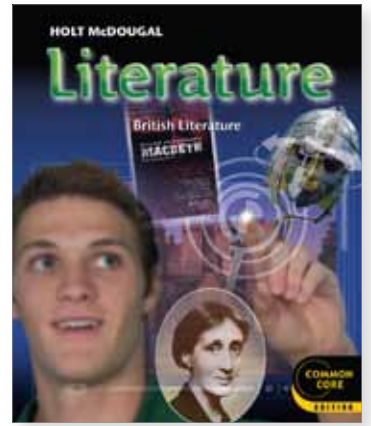
Selected Poetry by Percy Bysshe Shelley
Difficulty Level: Challenging

Selected Poetry by John Keats
Difficulty Level: Challenging

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Selected Poetry by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Difficulty Level: Average

“My Last Duchess” / “Porphyria’s Lover” both by Robert Browning
Difficulty Level: Average



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“Sonnet 43” by Elizabeth Barrett Browning/ “Remembrance”
by Emily Brontë
Difficulty Level: Average

“Pied Beauty”/ “Spring and Fall: To a Young Child”
both by Gerard Manley Hopkins
Difficulty Level: Average

“Malachi’s Cove” by Anthony Trollope
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1130, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.4

“Christmas Storms and Sunshine” by Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.8

“The Darling” by Anton Chekhov
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.1

“Evidence of Progress” by Thomas Babington Macaulay
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1450, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 8.5

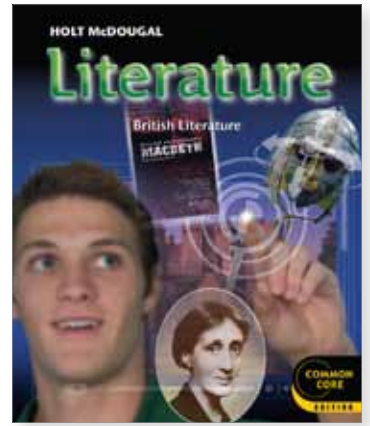
“The Condition of England” by Thomas Carlyle
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 8.0

“Viewpoints on Globalization”
Difficulty Level: Average

“Dover Beach”/ “To Marguerite—Continued” both by Matthew Arnold
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“To an Athlete Dying Young”/ “When I Was One-and-Twenty” both by A.E. Housman
Difficulty Level: Average

“The Darkling Thrush”/ “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?” both by Thomas Hardy
Difficulty Level: Average



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Selected Poetry by T.S. Eliot
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“A Cup of Tea” by Katherine Mansfield
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 640, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.7

“The Duchess and the Jeweller” by Virginia Woolf
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 810, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.4

“The Rocking-Horse Winner” by D.H. Lawrence
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 690, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.7

“Musée Des Beaux Arts” / “The Unknown Citizen” both by W.H. Auden
Difficulty Level: Average

“Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night” / “Fern Hill” both by Dylan Thomas
Difficulty Level: Challenging

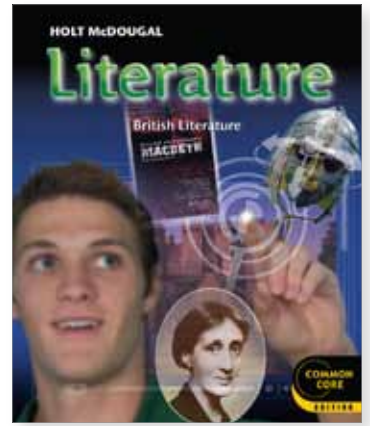
Selected Poetry of William Butler Yeats
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Araby” by James Joyce
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 930, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.1

“Riders to the Sea” by J.M. Synge
Difficulty Level: Difficult

“The Demon Lover” by Elizabeth Bowen
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.0

“An Irish Airman Foresees His Death” by William Butler Yeats / “The Soldier” by Rupert Brooke / “Dreamers” by Siegfried Sassoon
Difficulty Level: Average



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“Shooting an Elephant” by George Orwell
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.3

“Words and Behavior” by Aldous Huxley
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1260, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 8.6

from *Night* by Elie Wiesel
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 570, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.7

from *The Speeches, May 19, 1940* by Winston Churchill
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1280, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 8.1

“Digging” by Seamus Heaney/ “The Horses” by Ted Hughes
Difficulty Level: Average

“The Frog Prince” / “Not Waving but Drowning” both by Stevie Smith
Difficulty Level: Average

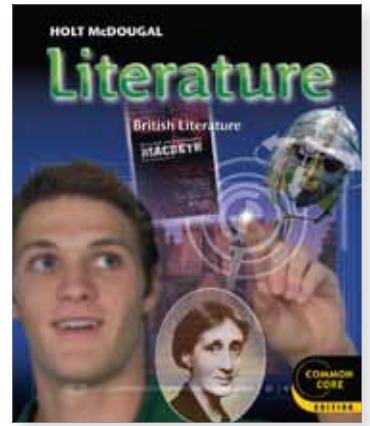
“The Distant Past” by William Trevor
Difficulty Level: Average

“Telephone Conversation” by Wole Soyinka
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Six Feet of the Country” by Nadine Gordimer
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“No More Strangers Now: Young Voices from a New South Africa”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 5.4

“A Devoted Son” by Anita Desai
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1460, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.8



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