

## 4° Grade English Program

### The Stuart Period : historical background.

- The Seventeenth Century
- The Rise of Puritanism
- The Stuarts
- Charles I
- The Civil War
- Cromwell's Commonwealth
- The Restoration
- The Stuart Reaction
- James II
- The Glorious Revolution
- Modern Parliamentary England
- The Eighteenth Century
- The Reign of Queen Anne
- George I
- The Role of the Prime Minister
- The Two Party System: Whigs and Tories
- The Fall of Walpole and the Jacobite Rebellions
- Society: The Middle Class and Aristocracy
- Middle-Class Values
- The Education of the Middle Class
- The Role of Women in Society
- The Periodicals : The Tatler, The Spectator
- Coffee Houses
- Diaries , Biographies
- Women and Letter Writing

### The rise of the bourgeois novel.

The novel. Origin of the term. Characteristics. A new reading public.

**Daniel Defoe** : Life and Works.

From Robinson Crusoe : "*Robinson's safe landing on shore*"  
"*Comfort and miseries*"

**Jonathan Swift** : Life and works.

From Gulliver's Travels : "*The first meeting with the Yahoos*"

**Samuel Richardson** : Life and works.

Domestic Novel

From Clarissa : "*Prudence and Obedience*"

**Laurence Sterne** : Life and works.

The experimental novel. A new sense of time.

From Tristram Shandy : "*Association of ideas*"  
"*He leaned forward*"

## 18th century England : historical and social background.

**The Age of Revolutions.** The industrial and the agricultural revolutions.  
The making of the new industrial society.

**Neoclassicism and pre-Romanticism** : Beauty and sublime.

**Thomas Gray** : Life, works, style.

*"Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"*

**William Blake** : Life , works, style.

*"Jerusalem"*

Songs of Innocence, Songs of Experience

*"The Lamb"*

*"The Tiger"*

*"The Chimney Sweeper" (from Songs on Innocence)*

*"The Chimney Sweeper" (from Songs of Experience)*

## Romanticism : historical and social background.

**William Wordsworth** : Life , works, style.

*Lyrical Ballads : "The Preface"*

*"I wondered lonely as a cloud"*

**Samuel Taylor Coleridge** : Life, works, style.

*"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"*

## Reading Activity

**Jane Austen**      *"Pride and Prejudice" (abridged version)*

**Edgar Lee Master**      *"George Gray" from "The Anthology of Spoon River"*

**Isalbel Allende**      *"Cuentos de Eva Luna"*

**Gabriel García Màrquez**      *"Cien Años de Soledad"*

**Nathaniel Hawthorne**      *"The Scarlet Letter"*