

## **Middle Ages**

### **Old English**

Heroic poetry

*The Battle of Maldon* (date uncertain)

*The Wanderer* (date uncertain, preserved in the 10<sup>th</sup>-century *Exeter Book*)

Religious poetry

*The Dream of the Rood* (date uncertain, preserved in late 10<sup>th</sup>-century *Vercelli Book*)

*Judith* (date uncertain, preserved in 10<sup>th</sup>-century *Nowell Codex*)

Prose

Bede the Venerable, *Historia Ecclesiastica* (most likely completed in 731)

Book I Chapter 15 – the coming of the Anglo-Saxons

Book II Chapter 13 – the conversion of Edwin and Northumbria

Book IV Chapter 24 – Caedmon: the first English poet

Wulfstan II, Archbishop of York, *Sermo Lupi ad Anglos* (ca. 1010-1016)

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Romance

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (late 14<sup>th</sup> century)

Didactic literature

*Pearl* (late 14<sup>th</sup> century)

Drama

*Second Shepherds' Play* (late 15<sup>th</sup> century)

Beast Epic

*The Fox and the Wolf* (late 13<sup>th</sup> century)

Tales

Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales* (ca. 1387-1400)

General Prologue

Wife of Bath's Tale

Nun's Priest's Tale

Merchant's Tale