M.A. READING LIST
BRITISH LITERATURE
(revised 2008)

1. Beowulf

2. Geoffrey Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales: “General Prologue,” “Miller’s Tale,” “Pardoner’s Tale,” “Wife of Bath’s Tale”

3. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

4. Everyman

5. Sir Thomas Malory: Morte Darthur (The Death of Arthur)

6. Edmund Spenser: The Faerie Queen, Book I; Book II, Canto 12; Book III, Canto 1

7. Christopher Marlowe: The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Dr. Faustus

8. William Shakespeare: Sonnets: Midsummer Night’s Dream, Measure for Measure, As You Like It, Hamlet, King Lear, Othello, Macbeth, The Tempest


17. Percy B. Shelley: “Hymn to Intellectual Beauty,” “Ode to the West Wind”

18. George Gordon Lord Byron: Don Juan (Canto I)

22. Matthew Arnold: “Dover Beach”
24. Jane Austen: Emma
25. Emily Brontë, Wuthering Heights
26. Charlotte Brontë: Jane Eyre
27. Charles Dickens: Bleak House
28. George Eliot: Middlemarch
29. Thomas Hardy: Far From the Madding Crowd
30. Joseph Conrad: Heart of Darkness
32. E.M. Forster: A Passage to India
33. Virginia Wolf: To the Lighthouse
34. James Joyce: Dubliners
35. Dylan Thomas: “Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night,” “And Death Shall Have No Dominion”
36. John Fowles: The French Lieutenant’s Woman
37. Seamus Heaney: “Digging,” “Punishment,” “Postscript”
38. Julian Barnes: Flaubert’s Parrot
40. A.S. Byatt: Possession