**Middle Ages**

**Old English**

*Heroic poetry*

*The Battle of Maldon* (date uncertain)

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

*Religious poetry*

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

*Judith* (date uncertain, preserved in 10th-century *Nowell Codex*)

Available in: *Earliest English Poetry* (11A AAA 71001)

**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)

**Middle English**

*Romance*

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (late 14th century)

- Available in: The Complete Works of the Gawain Poet (14A PEA 77)

*Didactic literature*

*Pearl* (late 14th century)

- Available in: The Complete Works of the Gawain Poet (14A PEA 77)

*Drama*

*Second Shepherds’ Play* (late 15th century)

*Beast Epic*

*The Fox and the Wolf* (late 13th century)

Available in: Early Middle English Verse and Prose (13 AAB 166)

*Tales*

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

- General Prologue / Wife of Bath’s Tale / Nun’s Priest’s Tale / Merchant’s Tale

* Available in: *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*