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| 1642-1651 | England's Civil Wars |
| 1653-1658 | Oliver Cromwell in power |
| 1658-1659 | Richard Cromwell in power |
| 1660 | English monarchy is restored |
| 1666 | Great Fire of London |
| 1685-1688 | Rule of James II (Catholic) |
| 1689-1702 | William of Orange rules (after Glorious Revolution) |
| 1707 | Union between Scotland and England under the name of "Great Britain" |
| 1777 | American Revolution |
| 1778 | Alliance between United States and France |
| 1787 | Signing of the Constitution of the United States |
| 1789 | Outbreak of hostilities in France with the fall of the Bastille July 14 |
| 1789 | Abolition of French feudal system, Declaration of Rights of Man |
| 1792 | French Revolutionary Wars begin |
| 1654-1660 | Madeline de Scudery's <i>Clélie: histoire romaine</i> (10 volumes) |
| 1667-1674 | John Milton's <i>Paradise Lost</i> |
| 1668 | Aphra Behn's novel, <i>Oroonoko</i> |
| 1671 | Milton's epic poems, <i>Paradise Regained</i> and <i>Samson Agonistes</i> |
| 1711 | Addison and Richard Steele's magazine <i>The Spectator Magazine</i> |
| 1711 | Pope's <i>Essay on Criticism</i> |
| 1713 | Swift, Pope, Congreve and others form London's Scriblerus Club |
| 1726 | Swift's <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> |

- 1728 **Pope's** *The Dunciad*
1732-1757 **Benjamin Franklin's** *Poor Richard's Almanack*
1740 **Samuel Richardson's** *Pamela; or Virtue Rewarded*
1742 **Henry Fielding's** *Joseph Andrews*
1748 **Samuel Richardson's novel,** *Clarissa*
1749 **Henry Fielding's** *The History of Tom Jones, A Foundling*
1752 **Charlotte Lennox's** *The Female Quixote*
1762 **Jean Jacques Rousseau's** *Emile, ou traité de L'Education* by Rousseau
1765 **Horace Walpole's Gothic novel,** *The Castle of Otranto*
1778 **Fanny Burney's novel,** *Evelina*
1789 **Blake's** *Songs of Innocence*
1791 **Marquis de Sade's** *Justine*
1794 **Anne Radcliffe's** *The Mysteries of Udolpho*
1798 **Samuel Taylor Coleridge and William Wordsworth's** *Lyrical Ballads*