Presentation

literary appreciation

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Oscar Wilde

- Famous as: Playwright, poet and author
- Born on: 16 October 1854
- Born in: Dublin, Ireland
- Died on: 30 November 1900
- Nationality: Ireland
Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, better known as Oscar Wilde was an Irish poet, author and one of the most successful playwrights of the Victorian Era. Many of his plays such as The Importance of Being Earnest and Salome are translated into foreign languages and are adopted into films and poems written by him made their presence in the list of bestsellers of his time and still continue to be read worldwide.
• The most celebrated novelist and author of his time, Oscar Wilde was appreciated by and acquainted with many influential artists of the day including English author John Ruskin, American poet Walt Whitman and George Bernard Shaw. Wilde witnessed an ill-fated downfall in 1885, when the author was arrested and imprisoned on account of his iniquitous homosexuality that made him leave his country for ever. He was also harshly criticized for his outspoken atheism and active role in atheistic movements in the country.
P.B Shelley

- Famous as: Romantic & Lyric Poet
- Born on: 04 August 1792
- Born in: Horsham, England
- Died on: 08 July 1822
- Nationality: United Kingdom
Percy Bysshe Shelley was one of the greatest contributors to the romantic poetry in the English language and author of the Prometheus Unbound and many other poems. Best known for his anthology works such as Ode to the West wind and To a Skylark, Shelley also wrote the most excellent lyric poems in the English language. The author is also known for his atheist views that became the central idea of him work The Necessity of Atheism, written and published in 1811, when he was still in the college.
• His major works mainly consist of lengthy and imaginative poems including Adonais, The Revolt of Islam and his unfinished poem The Triumph of Life. In his short but successful career, Shelley gained appreciation from eminent persons such as Karl Marx, Henry Stephens Salt and from other contemporary authors as well including eminent poet and friend Lord Byron.
Robert Browning

- Famous as: Poet & Playwright
- Born on: 07 May 1812
- Born in: Camberwell, London
- Died on: 12 December 1889
- Nationality: United Kingdom
Works & Achievements:

Known for his famous works like The Ring and the Book, Fifine at the Fair, Red Cotton Night-Cap Country and Parleyings with Certain People of Importance In Their Day.
Robert Browning was an English poet and playwright known for his mastery of dramatic verse. His dramatic monologues made him one of the most outstanding Victorian poets. He is also known for short poems like "Rabbi Ben Ezra", "How they brought the good News to Aix", "Evelyn Hope", "The Pied Piper of Hammelin", "A Grammarian's Funeral", "A Death in the Desert"
Robert Frost

- Famous as: Poet
- Born on: 26 March 1874
- Born in: San Francisco, California
- Died on: 29 January 1963
- Nationality: United States
Robert Lee Frost is among the most fecund writers when it comes to poetry and playwriting. He was highly appreciated and admired for his realistic portrayal of rural life and his great expertise on American colloquial speech. Most of his astonishing works circle around the rural life settings in New England during early 20th century. He used his own work to analyze complicated social and philosophical themes. Robert Frost is very famous and an oft-quoted poet. During his lifetime, he was honored with several prizes which include four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry.
Samuel Coleridge

Famous as: Poet and Philosopher

Born on: 21 October 1772

Born in: Devon, England

Died on: 25 July 1834

Nationality: United Kingdom

Works & Achievements:

Lyrical Ballads, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and Kubla Khan
Samuel Taylor Coleridge was an English poet, critic and philosopher who along with William Wordsworth laid the foundation for English Romantic Movement. Lyrical Ballads, his one of the most acclaimed works in this genre, was a joint effort of the great poet William Wordsworth and Samuel Coleridge with whom he had a close friendship. Other notable creations that became his masterpieces are The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and Kubla Khan in addition to his well known prose works Biographia Literaria.
• A few conversational poems written by Samuel Coleridge are This Lime-Tree Bower My Prison, Frost at Midnight and The Nightingale. He was also one of the Lake Poets. In 1809, Coleridge successfully set up and ran a weekly journal entitled The Friend which gained him praise and respect as a publisher. Coleridge apparently became badly addicted to drugs and eventually died of a lung disorder on 25 July 1834.
TS. Eliot

- Famous as: Poet & Critic
- Born on: 26 September 1888
- Born in: St. Louis, Missouri, United States
- Died on: 04 January 1965
- Nationality: United Kingdom
- Works & Achievements:
  The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, The Waste Land, Murder in the Cathedral & The Hollow Men; Nobel Prize in Literature (1948)
• Thomas Stearns Eliot, often shorten as T. S. Eliot was a poet, dramatist and literary critic and a Nobel Prize winner for his exceptional work in the world literature. Some of his best known works include the poems The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, The Waste Land, Murder in the Cathedral & The Hollow Men, Four Quarters and the plays Murder in the Cathedral and The Cocktail Party.
His most famous essay remains Tradition and the Individual Talent. Best known for his poems, Eliot also achieved distinction in the field of literary criticism and has been ranked as the greatest literary critic of the 20th century. Born in America, Eliot moved to the United Kingdom in 1941, where he earned an international fame and appreciation for his literary works for the first time. He was granted the British citizenship in 1927, at the age of thirty nine.
William Shakespeare

Famous as: Greatest Writer

Born on: 26 April 1564

Born in: Stratford, United Kingdom

Died on: 23 April 1616

Nationality: United Kingdom

Works & Achievements:

A Lover's Complaint, Romeo and Juliet, and Love Labor's Lost
William Shakespeare is regarded as the greatest writer and poet ever known in the English language who authored world's greatest poems, drama and sonnets. The bard, who remains an icon in the literary world, wrote over 38 plays, 154 sonnets and several poems and most of his works are still performed all over the world. Having started with comedies and histories, Shakespeare earned name for raising the genres to the heights of creativity and classiness.
His major works are considered to be the culmination of art of tragedy, romance and comedy in his era and is still emulated by the writers that came after him. In his later career Shakespeare wrote poems which set the best mixture of love, passion, procreation, romance, time and death. His greatness lies in the fact that several plays and poems written by him, along with his other works are widely performed and translated into almost every existing language till date.