

Working title **Anti-establishment**
Other titles
Quotes Something is rotten in the state' Hamlet:Act I, Scene 4

Interpretive reasoning *Writers who challenge the establishment or the status quo in some respect*
(Interesting that some writers ultimately go on to be accepted or join the establishment eg Eliot, Lydon, Milton)

Writers	Genre(s)	Illustrative function in group - why this writer is included here	Important work(s)	Links to others	Prizes	Quotes
Dizzee Rascal	rap lyricist	sings about teenage pregnancy, broken families, social issues.	Hold Ya Mouf - "I'm a problem for Anthony Blair"			
John Lennon	Lyricist	Refused MBE; had a big FBI file on him and Nixon govt tried to deport him from US in 1972; outspoken pacifist; into drugs and alternative religion; provoked outrage when he said that the Beatles were 'more popular than Jesus'.				
Jean Rhys	Novelist	Challenging the Eng Lit canon from a feminist and post-colonial perspective: exploring the backstory of 'the madwoman in the attic' Bertha Rochester in Jane Eyre. Challenges the idea of Rochester as the Romantic hero	The Wide Sargasso Sea			
Johnny Rotten (John Lydon)	Lyricist and singer with The Sex Pistols [check details of lyrics he wrote]	Punk is explicitly anti-establishment: in fashion, lyrics, behaviour, iconoclasm, etc. Interesting he is now advertising butter on a TV ad and so the bad boy has now joined the establishment	Never Mind the Bollocks; God Save the Queen			
George Eliot	Novelist	Freethinker; athiest; lived openly with a man (G. H. Lewes) outside of marriage causing scandal; criticised the triviality of women's writing of the time "Silly Novels by Lady Novelists". Championed the realist style. Finally socially accepted in 1877 by royal approval of her novels. Not buried in Poets' Corner because of her lack of Christian faith.	Middlemarch, Mill on the Floss, Adam Bede	Other Victorian novelists? Hardy, Dickens		
Salman Rushdie	Novelist	Outraged the Muslim world with the publication of his novel 'The Satanic Verses' and had a fatwa (death penalty) declared against him.	The Satanic Verses, Midnight's Children		Booker for Midnight's Children; knighted for services to Literature	
John Milton	Poet, essayist	Anti-monarchy; pro-divorce (in a disapproving age); poetic innovation of blank verse epic form. Attacked censorship and argued for legal and moral divorce; urged reform of the Universities. In 1649 publ. Eikonoklastes, an explicit defence of the regicide. Speechwriter for Cromwell (Check facts)	Paradise Lost, Lycidas, On the Morning of Christ's Nativity	Blake, Philip Pullman. Loved Shakespeare.		
Olaudah Equiano	Memoirs	Prob first Black writer to be published in Britain. His memoirs were very influential amongst abolitionists	The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African			
James Joyce	Novelist, short stories	Revolutionary stream of consciousness narrative techniques. One of the great literary Modernists; radicalisation of the conventions of the novel. Ulysses was banned in Britain and Ireland on grounds of obscenity.	Ulysses; Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man; The Dead; Finnegans' Wake	Fellow literary Modernists Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot; classical (Greek lit.) influence		
Jarvis Cocker	Lyricist	Witty and ironic social commentary from a parochial working-class perspective on a microcosmic level; Brit Awards stage invasion protest against the pomposity and self-deification of Michael Jackson's performance	A Different Class			
George Orwell	Novelist, essayist, journalist	Political writer, polemical journalist, socialist. Disillusioned by what happened to socialism in Stalinist Russia - 1984 & Animal Farm	1984, Animal Farm, The Road to Wigan Pier, Down and Out in Paris and London			