

**Working title**  
**Other titles**  
**Quotes**

**Celebrity**  
*God hath given you one face and you make yourselves another. Hamlet: Act3, Scene 1*

**Interpretive reasoning** *Writers who have achieved a high degree of fame, often deliberately sought.*

<b>Writers</b>	<b>Genre(s)</b>	<b>Illustrative function in group - why this writer is included here</b>	<b>Seminal work(s)</b>	<b>Links to others</b>	<b>Prizes</b>	<b>Quotes</b>
<b>Charles Dickens</b>	Novels	D was the hottest ticket in town. He had huge audiences for his public readings from his own novels.	Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, Great Expectations, etc			
<b>David Bowie</b>	Lyricist	Multi-personas, was shocking with his make-up and fashion and his bisexuality. His personas were central to his music eg Ziggy Stardust	Ziggy Stardust, Hunky Dory, Aladdin Sane, Space Oddity etc			
<b>Enid Blyton</b>	Children's adventure stories	Had a huge amount of child fans and got fan letters	See wrote thousands! Famous Five, Secret Seven, Magic Faraway Tree etc	Rowling a modern equivalent?		
<b>Arthur Conan Doyle</b>	Detective fiction, essays	Sherlock Holmes was incredibly famous and the public outcry when Conan Doyle killed him off was so huge, he had to bring him back.	The Sherlock Holmes stories, originally serialised in The Strand Magazine			
<b>Oscar Wilde</b>	Plays, poems, children's stories, essays, novels, short stories	Notorious and the darling of London society for his shocking outspokenness and wit. Ultimately imprisoned for homosexuality.	The Picture of Dorian Grey, The Importance of Being Ernest, The Ballad of Reading Gaol, The Selfish Giant etc	Don Juan	His "A Portrait of W H" is based on the idea that Shakespeare wrote the sonnets for a boy actor who played the women's parts in his plays	
<b>George Gordon Byron</b>	Poems	Notorious. Like Wilde, was celebrated and then horrified society with a sex scandal - incest. His Don Juan was banned (I think) but also celebrated for its cheeky wit and erudition.				
<b>Amy Winehouse</b>	Lyricist	A modern-day notorious artist. She is frequently hounded by the tabloids.				
<b>Aphra Benn</b>	Playwright, novelist, poet	A woman in a man's world. Went to prison, was a spy for Charles II, eventually achieved fame writing comedy for the Restoration stage	The Rover	Woolf		
<b>J K Rowling</b>	Children's writer	Huge celebrity, child fans (and lots of grown-ups - the 'kidult' phenomenon). Fame brings castigation - Christian opprobrium for writing about magic, accused of encouraging children into witchcraft	Harry Potter			
<b>Ian Fleming</b>	Spy fiction	James Bond is the famous one here!				
	Novelist	Fascinating modern popularity. The phenomenon of 'Janeites', costume drama, Mr Darcy, etc	Pride & Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility, Northanger Abbey, Persuasion, Mansfield Park, Emma	Kipling wrote a story about some WWI soldiers who were Janeites. See: Bridget Jones' Diary, The Jane Austen Book Club, popularity of costume drama etc.		
<b>Jane Austen</b>	Lyricist	Revered by a generation who saw him as the voice of all their youthful angst. Was deliberately weird and kind of created a mythology around himself, bit like Bowie.	Hatful of Hollow, etc			
<b>Morrissey</b>						
<b>Geoffrey Chaucer</b>	Poet	Seems to have been sought after as a poet for the nobility in Medieval England and travelled to European courts too.	The Canterbury Tales	Has been called 'the father of English Literature'		