

Other titles
Quotes

The lunatic, the lover and the poet are of imagination all compact' A Midsummer Night's Dream: Act 5, Scene 1

Interpretive reasoning

Writers who explore the 'self', introspective or spiritual subject matter exploring identity
Shakespeare is credited by conservative critics (such as Harold Bloom) with inventing human consciousness

Writers	Genre(s)	Illustrative function in group - why this writer is included here	Seminal work(s)	Links to others	Prizes	Quotes
Kate Bush	Lyricist	Imaginative romantic unique and ethereal lyrics and songs; poetic vision; doesn't do the 'fame' thing (very private person)	Hounds of Love album, Wuthering Heights			
John Donne	Metaphysical' poet	Writes with passion about love when he's young, God when He's old	Poetical works			
Robert Louis Stevenson	Novelist, poet, children's writer	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde explores inner life and dark desires	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Treasure Island, Kidnapped			
Seamus Heaney	Poet	writes lyrical poetry about nature and the personal, details of lives and environments, nature	Poetical works		Nobel prize 1995	
Ian Curtis	Lyricist	Tortured soul, reflected in his lyrics and music, committed suicide 1980	Joy Division music	Armitage acknowledges influence		
Robert Graves	Poet, essayist	World War I poet, wounded at the Somme, friend of Sassoon & acquainted with Wilfred Owen. His work on European folklore and religion The White Goddess has been very influential in modern alternative 'Goddess-based' religions.	War poetry, The White Goddess, The Greek Myths	The White Goddess an obvious influence on Ted Hughes' Shakespeare book, wrote on Shakespeare		"The remarkable thing about Shakespeare is that he is really very good - in spite of all the people who say that he is very good."
Catherine Cookson	Novelist (romantic fiction)	Romantic fiction exploring passion and matters of the heart. Popular readership, prolific writer.				
Monica Ali		exposes the inner life and experience of her main female character (Nazneen), a Bangladeshi migrant	Brick Lane			
Thomas Hardy	Novelist, Poet	Exploring the experiences of his characters in the contexts of the natural world, fate, social class, war etc	Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Jude the Obscure, Far From the Madding Crowd, etc			
	Novelist	Explores 'the human condition' using myth and realism, the inner worlds and tendencies of human beings not always positive	Lord of the Flies		Nobel Prize 1983; Booker	"his novels which, with the perspicuity of realistic narrative art and the diversity and universality of myth, illuminate the human condition in the world of today". Nobel Prize committee
William Golding						