Literature and Cultural Theory
Preliminary Exam Texts

**Major Fields of Literature and Culture**
**British Literature and Culture: Restoration and 18th Century**

**Primary**
- Addison and Steele, *Selections from The Tatler and The Spectator*
- Astell, *Some Reflections Upon Marriage*
- Beckford, *Vathek*
- Behn, *Oroonoko*
- Boswell, *London Journal*
- Burke, *A Philosophical Enquiry into the Sublime and Beautiful*
- ---, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
- Burney, *Evelina*
- Cleland, *Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure*
- Congreve, *The Way of the World*
- Cowper, *The Task*
- Defoe, *Journal of the Plague Year*
- ---, *Robinson Crusoe*
- Dryden, *MacFlecknoe*
- ---, *Absalom and Achitophel*
- Edgeworth, *Castle Rackrent*
- Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative of Olaudah Equiano*
- Fielding, *Shamela and Joseph Andrews*
- ---, *Tom Jones*
- Gay, *The Beggar's Opera*
- Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*
- Goldsmith, *The Vicar of Wakefield*
- ---, "The Deserted Village"
Gray, "Elegy written in a country church-yard"
---, "The Bard"
Haywood, "Fantomina"
---, Love in Excess
Hume, A Treatise of Human Nature
Hyland, ed. The Enlightenment: A Sourcebook and Reader
Johnson, preface to the Dictionary
---, Preface to The Works of William Shakespeare
---, Selections from The Rambler and The Idler
---, "The Vanity of Human Wishes"
Lennox, The Female Quixote
Lewis, The Monk
Locke, Two Treatises of Civil Government
---, Essay on Human Understanding
Mackenzie, The Man of Feeling
Manley, The New Atalantis
Montagu, The Turkish Embassy Letters
Paine, The Rights of Man
Pope, Moral Essays
---, The Rape of the Lock
---, Essay on Man
---, Essay on Criticism
---, The Dunciad
Radcliffe, Mysteries of Udolpho
Richardson, Pamela
---, Clarissa
Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments
---, The Wealth of Nations
Smollett, The Expedition of Humphry Clinker
Sterne, A Sentimental Journey
---, The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy
Swift, Gulliver's Travels
---, "A Modest Proposal"
---, "The Lady's Dressing Room"
Thomson, The Seasons
Walpole, The Castle of Otranto
Wilmot, Lord Rochester, Poems
Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman
Secondary
- Langford, *A Polite and Commercial People*
- Outram, *The Enlightenment*
- Porter, *English Society in the Eighteenth Century*
- Thompson, "The Moral Economy of the English Crowd"
- Watt, *The Rise of the Novel*