English MA Comprehensive Exam List, 2019

Old and Middle English Literatures


Renaissance and 17th-Century English Literature

- William Shakespeare, King Lear

Restoration and 18th-Century English Literature

- Alexander Pope, The Rape of the Lock

19th-Century English Literature

- William Wordsworth, “Preface,” Lyrical Ballads
- Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice

American Literature before 1860

- Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the life of a Slave Girl

American Literature since 1860

- Eugene O'Neill, A Long Day's Journey into Night
- Elizabeth Bishop, “The Fish,” “Questions of Travel,” “The Armadillo,” “In the Waiting Room,” “Crusoe in England”
- Leslie Marmon Silko, Ceremony

Post-1900 British & Anglophone Literature

- Virginia Woolf, Mrs. Dalloway
- Tom Stoppard, The Invention of Love

Theory

- Slavoj Žižek, The Sublime Object of Ideology