

THE LONG 18TH CENTURY 1660-1820

The Long 18th Century in British literature begins shortly before the ascension of William and Mary to the throne in 1688, called the Glorious Revolution, and ends after England's defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. Also known as the Age of Enlightenment, the century pioneered rational philosophy, social and political satire, travel and adventure writing, and gothic horror fiction.

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REPRESENTATIVE LITERARY WORKS

Oroonoko, Aphra Behn, 1688

Fables Ancient and Modern, John Dryden, 1700

Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe, 1719

Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift, 1726

The Beggar's Opera, John Gay, 1728

Castle of Otranto, Horace Walpole, 1764

Elegiac Sonnets, Charlotte Smith, 1783

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