



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**E210: Early British Authors**

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MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

*Each assignment substitutes for one quiz. You have to have my permission to substitute.*

*Please write 500 words (1 to 2 pages) on the following topics.*

1. (Recommended for Old English quiz) Who was the **Venerable Bede**? When did he live? What did he write? (Use the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.)
2. (Recommended for Old English quiz) Who was **Wulfstan**? When did he live? What did he write? (Use the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.)
3. (Recommended for Old English quiz) What was the **Benedictine Reform**? When did it take place? Who were its leaders? What did it try to accomplish?
4. (Recommended for Medieval quiz) Which stories did **Marie de France** write? Where can you find the manuscripts of these stories?
5. (Recommended for Medieval quiz) What does Boccaccio have to do with Chaucer?
6. (Recommended for Early Modern quiz) Who was Katherine Philips? When did she live? What did she write? (Use the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.)
7. (Recommended for Early Modern quiz) Who first published the poems of Andrew Marvell?
8. Scan an Emily Dickinson poem.
9. Scan 10 lines of Chaucer's *Wife of Bath's Tale* and suggest how the meter interacts with the meaning.