

# G.C.E A/L Poets

Writer	Time	Movement/period	Special notes
<b>William Shakespeare</b>	23 April, 1564- 23 April, 1616	Renaissance theatre Elizabethan	The greatest writer in the English language world's greatest dramatist England's national poet Bard of Avon
<b>John Donne</b>	22 January 1572 – 31 March 1631	17th century Metaphysical	The pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets
<b>John Dryden</b>	19 August 1631-12 May 1700	17 <sup>th</sup> century Restoration period	Trained in the art of rhetorical argument
<b>Alexander Pope</b>	21 May 1688 – 30 May 1744	18 <sup>th</sup> -century Augustan era Neoclassical movement	Mock-heroic poet
<b>William Blake</b>	28 November 1757 – 12 August 1827	Romanticism 18th-century	Nonconformist
<b>William Wordsworth</b>	7 April 1770 – 23 April 1850	Romanticism	A poet of spiritual and epistemological speculation
<b>John Keats</b>	31 October 1795 – 23 February 1821	Romanticism	One of the greatest lyric poets in English.
<b>Gerard Manley Hopkins</b>	28 July 1844 – 8 June 1889	Victorian	Invented sprung rhythm employed compound and unusual word combinations
<b>Christina Rossetti</b>	5 December 1830 – 29 December 1894	Victorian era Pre-Raphaelite movement	Affected by Anglo-Catholic movement
<b>Siegfried Sassoon</b>	8 September 1886 1 September 1967	Georgian Period	World war poet
<b>W.B. Yeates</b>	13 June 1865 – 28 January 1939	Modernism	Symbolist poet (allusive imagery and symbolic structures )
<b>T.S Eliot</b>	26 September 1888 – 4 January 1965	Modernism	Symbolist poet
<b>Robert Frost</b>	26 March, 1874 –29 January, 1963	American modernist	Preserved traditional aspects of the poems
<b>Phillip Larkin</b>	9 August 1922 – 2 December 1985	The Movement	English poet
<b>Maya Angelou</b>	4 April, 1928 –28 May, 2014	Black Arts Movement	Civil rights activist American
<b>Kamala Das</b>	31 March 1934 – 31 May 2009	Post-modernism	Indian Confessional Poetry Inspired by Bhakti Movement Syndicated columnist
<b>Patrick Fernando</b>	1931—1983	Post-modernism	Post-colonial
<b>Richard de Zoysa</b>	18 March 1958– 18 February 1990	Post-modernism	Srilankan Human rights activist Radicalism Political poetry
<b>John Ormond</b>	1923–1990	Post-modernism	Welsh poet
<b>Moniza Alvi</b>	Born - 2 February 1954	Post-modernism	Pakistani Diasporic poet
<b>Vivimarie Vanderpoorten</b>	N/A	Post-modernism	Reflective minimalism