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1590		<p>Spenser's <i>Faerie Queene</i> (I-III) published</p> <hr/> <p>Sidney's <i>Countess of Pembroke's Arcadia</i></p>	
1591	Increasing persecution of Catholics	<p>Kyd writes <i>The Spanish Tragedy</i>, thought to have a strong influence on Shakespeare's <i>Hamlet</i>.</p> <hr/> <p>Sidney's <i>Astrophil and Stella</i></p>	<p>Donne, John Donne goes to Thavies Inn as law student</p>
1592			<p>Donne, John Donne goes to Lincoln's Inn to study law</p> <p>King, Henry Henry King born</p>
1593		Theatres closed because of plague	<p>Herbert, George 3 April: George Herbert born at Montgomery</p>
1594		<p>Hooker's <i>Of the Laws of the Ecclesiastical Polity I-IV</i></p> <hr/> <p>Sir Philip Sidney's <i>Apology for Poetry</i> published</p> <hr/> <p>Acting group The Lord Chamberlain's Men re-established.</p> <hr/> <p>Nashe's <i>The Unfortunate Traveller</i></p>	

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1595		Spenser's <i>Amoretti</i> _____ Sidney's <i>An Apology for Poetry</i> (or <i>The Defence of Poesy</i>)	
1596	Essex attacks Cadiz	Second Blackfriars Theatre opened by Burbage _____ Spenser's <i>Faerie Queene</i> (IV- VI) published	Donne, John Donne on Cadiz expedition Herbert, George Herbert's father dies
1597	New Poor Law	Bacon's <i>Essays</i> published	
1598	Death of Philip II		Donne, John Donne appointed Secretary to Egerton
1599	Oliver Cromwell born _____ Earl of Essex, former favourite of Queen Elizabeth, arrested for failure to carry out her policies in Ireland	Edmund Spenser dies _____ The Globe Theatre built on south bank of the Thames	
1600	East India Company founded	Shakespeare's first tragedies performed	
1601	Following an attempted uprising, Earl of Essex beheaded for treason	'War of the Theatres' - Jonson, Thomas Dekker, John Marston	Donne, John Donne secretly gets married to Anne More and is dismissed from Egerton's service. He becomes M.P.
1603	Plague in London _____ Elizabeth dies; succeeded by	Lord Chamberlain's Men become The King's Men, and frequently perform at court	

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	James VI of Scotland, who becomes James I of England		
1604	Hampton Court conference		
1605	Gunpowder plot. Arrest and execution of Guy Fawkes	Cervantes' <i>Don Quixote</i> pt 1	Herbert, George Herbert goes to Westminster School
1606		Shakespeare's <i>King Lear</i> , Cyril Tourneur <i>The Revenger's Tragedy</i>	
1607	Appearance of Halley's comet _____	Tourneur's <i>The Revenger's Tragedy</i> published _____	Donne, John Donne's <i>Divine Poems</i>
	Founding of Jamestown, Virginia	Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher's <i>The Knight of the Burning Pestle</i>	
1608			Herbert, George Herbert's mother marries Sir John Danvers
1609			Herbert, George Herbert matriculates at Trinity College, Cambridge
1610	Galileo <i>The Starry Messenger</i> _____	Beaumont's and Fletcher's <i>The Maid's Tragedy</i>	
	Galileo reports on his findings with the telescope		
1611		Chapman, translation of Homer's <i>Iliad</i> _____	Donne, John Donne's <i>First Anniversarie</i> printed

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		Authorised (or King James') Version of the Bible	
1612	Death of Henry, Prince of Wales. <hr/> Prince Charles becomes heir to the throne		Donne, John Donne's <i>Of the Progress of the Soul</i>
1613	Globe theatre fire		Crashaw, Richard Richard Crashaw born
1614	Globe theatre rebuilt after fire in previous year	Chapman, translation of Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> (-1615)	Donne, John Donne elected M. P. for Taunton
1615		Cervantes's <i>Don Quixote</i> pt 2	Donne, John Donne becomes Church of England priest. Receives D.D. from Cambridge University
1616	Lectures on the circulation of the blood by William Harvey in London	Death of Cervantes <hr/> Jonson's <i>Works</i>	Herbert, George Herbert made fellow of Trinity College
1617			Donne, John Anne Donne dies
1618	Sir Walter Raleigh executed <hr/> Beginning of the Thirty Years' War (to 1648)		Cowley, Abraham Abraham Cowley is born Herbert, George Herbert made Reader in Rhetoric at Cambridge
1620	Pilgrim Fathers to Massachussetts in the Mayflower		Herbert, George Herbert Public Orator at Cambridge

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1621		Performances of Philip Massinger's <i>A New Way to Pay Old Debts</i> <hr/> Bacon dismissed from office <hr/> Thomas Middleton's <i>Women Beware Women</i>	Donne, John Donne Dean of St.Paul's Cathedral, London Marvell, Andrew Andrew Marvell born in East Yorkshire Vaughan, Henry Henry Vaughan born in Breconshire, Wales
1622		Performance of Middleton's <i>The Changeling</i>	
1624			Donne, John Donne's <i>Devotions upon Emergent Occasions</i> Herbert, George Herbert M.P. for Montgomery
1625	James I dies. Charles I becomes king. Charles marries Henrietta Maria of France		
1626	War with France	Bacon dies	
1627			Herbert, George Herbert 's mother dies. Donne preaches at the funeral
1628	Buckingham assassinated <hr/> Laud appointed Bishop of London <hr/> John Bunyan born		

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1629	Charles I suspends Parliament and has Sir John Eliot among other leaders imprisoned		Herbert, George Herbert marries Jane Danvers. Herbert's older brother Edward made Lord Herbert of Cherbury
1630	Future Charles II is born		Herbert, George Herbert made Rector of Bemerton, Wiltshire
1631	Bishop Laud enforces uniformity to the Church of England	John Dryden born	Crashaw, Richard Crashaw at Pembroke College, Cambridge Donne, John March 31: Donne dies
1632			Philips, Katherine Katherine Philips is born
1633	Laud becomes Archbishop of Canterbury	Ford's <i>'Tis Pity She's a Whore</i>	Donne, John Posthumous publication of Donne's <i>Poems</i> Herbert, George Herbert dies. Herbert's <i>The Temple</i> published Marvell, Andrew Marvell matriculates at Trinity College, Cambridge
1634	Charles insists upon payment of Ship Money without agreement of Parliament		Crashaw, Richard Crashaw graduates from Cambridge
1636			Crashaw, Richard Crashaw at Peterhouse, Cambridge

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1637	Action to impose new Prayer Book on Scottish Church led by Charles		Marvell, Andrew Marvell has Greek and Latin poems to Charles I published
1638		Crashaw friends with Abraham Cowley	Marvell, Andrew Marvell wins scholarship at Trinity. Vaughan, Henry Vaughan probably at Jesus College, Oxford
1640	Charles I recalls Parliament, who impeach Laud and Strafford. Strafford executed		Donne, John Donne's <i>Sermons</i> published Marvell, Andrew Marvell leaves Cambridge on father's death Vaughan, Henry Vaughan leaves Oxford for London to study law
1641	Breakdown of censorship <hr/> Grand Remonstrance in Parliament		
1642	Charles leaves London and Parliament reorganises London militia. <hr/> Battle of Edgehill <hr/> Civil War begins between Royalists and Parliamentary forces (August). <hr/> Attempt to arrest MPs.		Cowley, Abraham Cowley leaves Cambridge for Oxford Marvell, Andrew Marvell in Europe Vaughan, Henry Vaughan returns to Wales

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	<p>_____</p> <p>Charles at Nottingham calls for volunteers to the royalist cause.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Henrietta Maria sails to France for financial and military assistance.</p>		
1644	<p>Battle of Marston Moor means that North of England is secured for Parliament</p>		<p>Crashaw, Richard Crashaw loses fellowship at Cambridge; escapes to France</p>
1645	<p>Battle of Naseby; defeat of Royalists</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Prayer Book abolished and Laud executed</p>		<p>Crashaw, Richard Crashaw becomes a Roman Catholic</p>
1646	<p>Charles surrenders to the Scots</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Shirley's <i>Poems</i></p>		<p>Crashaw, Richard Crashaw's <i>Steps to the Temple and Delights of the Muses</i> published Vaughan, Henry Vaughan marries Catherine Wise</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Vaughan's <i>Poems</i></p>
1647	<p>Charles delivered over to Parliament. Putney Debates.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Charles escapes to the Isle of Wight</p>	<p>Folio of Beaumont and Fletcher's <i>Comedies and Tragedies</i></p>	<p>Cowley, Abraham Cowley's <i>The Mistress</i> Crashaw, Richard Crashaw in Rome</p>
1648		Herrick's <i>Hesperides</i>	Lovelace, Richard

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			Lovelace in prison
1649	Charles I executed. Abolition of monarchy and England declared a commonwealth		Crashaw, Richard Crashaw to Loretto, where he dies Lovelace, Richard Lovelace's <i>Lucasta</i> <hr/> Lovelace's <i>Lucasta: Epodes</i>
1650	Cromwell replaces Fairfax as Lord General		Marvell, Andrew Marvell's <i>Horatian Ode to Cromwell</i> ; at Nun Appleton House as tutor to Mary Fairfax Vaughan, Henry Vaughan's <i>Silex Scintillans</i> published
1651	Charles II crowned at Scone. His forces are defeated at the Battle of Worcester and he flees to France	Marvell's <i>Upon Appleton House</i> <hr/> Hobbes' <i>Leviathan</i>	Cleveland, John Cleveland's <i>Poems</i> Vaughan, Henry Vaughan's <i>Olor Iscanus</i> published
1652			Crashaw, Richard Crashaw's <i>Carmen Deo Nostro: Sacred Poems</i> published Vaughan, Henry Vaughan's <i>The Mount of Olives</i> published
1653	Cromwell named as Lord Protector	Cavendish's <i>Poems and Fancies</i> <hr/> Walton's <i>Compleat Angler</i>	Marvell, Andrew Marvell tutor to Cromwell's ward

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1655	War with Spain (until 1659)		Marvell, Andrew Marvell's <i>First Anniversary</i> Vaughan, Henry Vaughan re-marries on death of first wife
1656		Cowley's <i>Poems</i> <hr/> Bunyan's <i>Some Gospel-Truths Opened</i>	
1657	Cromwell refuses to be crowned king		Marvell, Andrew Marvell becomes Latin Secretary to Government
1658	Cromwell, the Lord Protector, dies. Richard Cromwell new Protector		Lovelace, Richard Lovelace dies Marvell, Andrew Marvell's <i>Upon the Death of The Lord Protector</i>
1659	Richard Cromwell resigns. Army leaders recall the Rump Parliament	Dryden's <i>On Death of The Lord Protector</i> <hr/> Bunyan's <i>The Doctrine of the Law and Grace Unfolded</i>	Marvell, Andrew Marvell M.P. for Hull
1660	Royal Society founded <hr/> Restoration: Charles II returns to England	Dryden's <i>Astraea Redux</i>	