

ISTITUTO PARITARIO MERINI
PROGRAMMA INGLESE CLASSE QUARTA LES
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LIBRI DI TESTO:

Radley – Simonetti New Horizons Options – Intermediate, OUP
Gallagher, Activating Grammar Multilevel, Longman
Spiazzi – Tavella Performer Culture and Literature 2, Zanichelli

Argomenti grammaticali:

Simple Present
Present continuous
Simple Past
Present Perfect
Past Perfect
Future (will, be going to, Present continuous)
Conditional
If Clauses (I-II-III)
Comparatives and Superlatives
Relative clauses and pronouns

Argomenti di letteratura:

- The Renaissance and the Puritan Spirit
- Historical background
- A new dynasty begins
- Henry VIII and the Act of Supremacy
- Bloody Mary and her counter- reformation
- Queen Elizabeth I
- The Anglican Church and the “middle way”
- The Stuart dynasty: James I
- Charles I
- Civil War
- Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth

Society and letters

- The Renaissance
- Humanism
- Elizabeth: the all-round woman
- Drama: Totus Mundus Agit Histrionem (All the world is a Stage)
- Poetry and prose
- Macrocosm and microcosm

The Puritan Age

- Science and learning
- Drama, Poetry, Prose
- Elizabethan Drama
- Elizabethan Poetry

William Shakespeare

- Life

- Achievement
- **Romeo and Juliet:** the sources, the plot, theme and dramatic technique
“Too like the lightning”
- Hamlet:** the sources, the plot, theme and dramatic technique
“To be, or not to be”
- **The Merchant of Venice:** the sources, the plot and the themes
- “I am a Jew”
- **Sonnets:** The sonnet, Shakespeare’s sonnets, their structure and greatness, the power of love
- **The Tempest**

John Milton

- Life
- Achievement
- **Paradise Lost:** Milton and Paradise Lost, the metre, Poetic technique and language
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The Restoration and the Augustan Age

Historical background

- The Restoration
- The Glorious Revolution
- Queen Anne
- The House of Hanover
- Parliamentary politics
- Rule Britannia

Society and letters

- The “Merry Monarch”
- The Great Fire of London
- Industrialization: from water power to steam power
- Science and the Royal Society
- The Reasonable Man
- The new public reading and the origins of journalism
- The rise of the novel
- The role of the writer
- Drama and Poetry

Daniel Defoe

- Life
- Achievement
- **Robinson Crusoe:** Real life stories, The enterprising hero

An Age of Revolutions

- The American war of Independence (1775-1782)
- The Beginning of an American Identity
- Effects of the French Revolution
- The Napoleonic Wars
- The Industrial Revolution
- The Sublime: a New Sensibility
- The Romantic Age: the Romantic Spirit
- Definition of Romanticism
- Emotion vs. Reason;
- Preface to Lyrical Ballads: the Manifesto of English Romanticism

William Wordsworth:

- Life
- Achievement
- The poet of Nature
- Poetry, imagination and memory
- **Daffodils**

“I wandered lonely as a cloud”

Comparing Texts:

From Blake: **London**

From Wordsworth: **Composed upon Westminster Bridge**