



English Literature

Trips and Visits

The National Poetry Library

NATIONAL POETRY LIBRARY

The National Poetry Library is the largest public collection of modern poetry in the world. The National Poetry Library has been a place of inspiration and support for many esteemed poets and writers throughout its history.

There are lots of resources on the website: search the free online poem collection with advice for emerging poets and many poetry [competitions](#) to enter all year round.

National Poetry Library, Level 5, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 8XX
020 7921 0664 or 020 7921 0943 | www.nationalpoetrylibrary.org.uk

Charles Dickens Museum



The Charles Dickens Museum is an author's house museum at 48 Doughty Street in King's Cross, in the London Borough of Camden. It occupies a typical Georgian terraced house which was Charles Dickens's home from 25 March 1837 to December 1839. He moved there with his wife Catherine and their eldest son Charlie. While living in Doughty Street, Dickens finished writing *The Pickwick Papers*, wrote *Nicholas Nickleby* and most famously of all, *Oliver Twist*.

Visit the website to book a visit or a virtual tour. You can book session specific events aimed at A Level students and undergraduates.

Charles Dickens Museum, 48-49 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LX
020 7405 2127 | dickensmuseum.com

Milton's Cottage



Visit Milton's Cottage to discover Milton's extraordinary story.

John Milton was born in 1608 to a century of revolution — in religions, politics, print, science and the arts. By the time he died, in 1674, Britain had experienced the rule of three Stuart monarchs, a few short-lived experiments in republican government, the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell — as well as civil war.

Unusually for a writer, Milton was at the centre of this turbulent period. Having postponed his early poetic ambitions to support the republican cause, he served as Cromwell's Secretary for Foreign Tongues (and unofficial spin doctor).

The political pamphlets he wrote during these years have had a strong influence on our current parliamentary documentary — as well as providing inspiration to the Founding Fathers of America and for the French Revolution. After the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, now blind, politically exiled — and lucky to escape with his life — Milton returned to his first love, poetry. His greatest work, *Paradise Lost*, was published in 1667 and immediately hailed by the poet John Dryden, as "one of the most sublime poems this age or nation has produced."

Milton's Cottage, 21 Deanway, Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire HP8 4JH
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Literary Festivals

There are many literary festivals in the UK and around the world. Literary festivals have become popular in recent years, providing a platform for authors and readers to come together and celebrate literature. These festivals often feature talks, readings, and book signings, and provide an opportunity for people to engage with their favourite authors and discover new books.

You can find some of the recommended UK literary festivals and book fairs [here](#).