16th Century

I. Verse
   A. Miscellanies
      1) Tottel's Miscellany 1557
   B. Sonnet Sequences
      2) Locke, Anne. A Meditation of a Penitent Sinner 1560
      3) Sidney. Astrophil and Stella 1580
      4) Daniel. Delia 1592
      5) Drayton. Idea 1594
      6) Spenser. Amoretti 1595
      7) Shakespeare. Sonnets 1595
   C. Longer Works
      8) Ariosto. Orlando Furioso (Harrington's translation) 1532
      9) Spenser. The Faerie Queene 1590
     10) Shakespeare. Venus and Adonis, Rape of Lucrece 1592
           Marlowe. Hero and Leander 1593

II. Prose
   A. Poetics
      11) Gascoigne. Certain Notes of Instruction in English
           Verse
           Sidney. The Defense of Poesy 1583
      12) Puttenham. The Art of English Poesy 1587
   B. Humanism
      13) Erasmus. Praise of Folly; Colloquies: The Alchemy
           Scam, The Religious Feast, An Inquisition into
           Faith, The Abbot and the Learned Lady 1511
      14) Machiavelli. The Prince 1513
      15) More. Utopia; History of Richard III 1516
      16) Castiglione. The Courtier (Hoby's translation) 1528
      17) Elyot, Thomas. The Boke Named the Governour
           Book I; Book III, Chs. 23-26 1531
      18) Ascham, Roger. The Schoolmaster 1570
           Mulcaster, Richard. Elementarie 1582
      19) Montaigne. Apology for Raymond Sebond; On
           Schoolmasters' Learning; On Educating Children;
           On Friendship; On Solitude; On Experience; On
           Repenting; On Coaches; On Restraining Your Will 1580
   C. Reformation
      20) Cranmer. Book of Common Prayer 1549
      21) Foxe. Book of Martyrs Selections in Oxford World's
           Classics edition, including Tyndale, Anne Askew,
Thomas Cranmer, the Islington Martyrs, and Judgment

D. Prose Fiction
22) Lyly. Eupheus: The Anatomy of Wit 1591
23) Nashe. The Unfortunate Traveler 1594

III. Drama
A. Not-Shakespeare
24) Lyly. Endimion 1588
     Kyd. The Spanish Tragedy 1592
25) Marlowe. Tamburlaine
     Doctor Faustus. 1589

B. Shakespeare
26) Shakespeare. Richard II 1595
     Henry IV part 1 1597
27) Henry IV part II 1597
     Henry V 1599
28) A Midsummer Night's Dream 1596
     As You Like It 1599
29) Romeo and Juliet 1595
30) Hamlet 1600

IV. Secondary Reading
1) Bradley, A.C. Shakespearean Tragedy (1904)
2) Lewis, C.S. English Literature in the Sixteenth Century, excluding Drama (1954)
3) Frye, Northrop. A Natural Perspective: The Development of Shakespearean Comedy and Romance (1965)
5) Fineman, Joel. Shakespeare's Perjured Eye (1986)
10) Spiller, Michael. The Development of the Sonnet: An Introduction (Routledge, 1992)
10) Mason, H.A. Humanism and Poetry in the Early Tudor Period (Routledge, 1959)