

Foundations in History and Literature Assignment 20

- *poetry*. Memorize part 6 of William Blake’s “Echoing Green.”
- *quotation*. Memorize Quotation #20 by the Roman poet Lucretius, 99–55 B.C.: *A falling drop at last will carve a stone.*
- *poetry and poetics*. Complete Poetry and Poetics 20 in your Poetics textbook. There is a mistake in the textbook for Exercise 20.3, which I have corrected on the second page of this assignment page.
- *literature*. Complete Lesson 20 of your study guide and read the corresponding literature. This week you will be reading poetry by two Romantic poets named “John,” John Keats and John Clare (Clare is pictured on the right).
- *speech day poem*. Now that you have the topic for your poem, I would like you to write a paragraph summary of what you want to express in it. Be sure to talk about both its content and theme. For example, if you want to write about the winter, what do you want to say about it? Is it a time of “death”? Is it a time of new beginnings when the flower bulbs beneath the earth are just waiting for a warmer day to germinate? A little later we will look at ways to express what you want to say using the poetic devices that we have been talking about extensively.
- *speech day*. This year you will write poem that you will memorize and deliver on Speech Day. This week I want you to think of your topic and format (ballad stanza, sonnet, couplets, etc.).



Long-Range Assignments

- *book report*. Your book report will be due on the second week of February. You may find the book report format sheet. Please print it out and complete it. If you would prefer to type it, you must write down the headings.
- *speech day*. This year you will write poem that you will memorize and deliver on Speech Day. The poem will be due on the third week of March.

