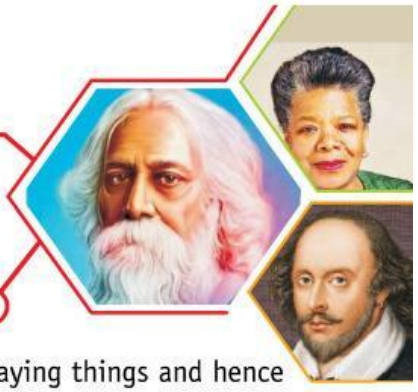


Chapter 5

Famous Poets

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying things and hence its importance. There are some famous poets who made their poems immortal by their writings.

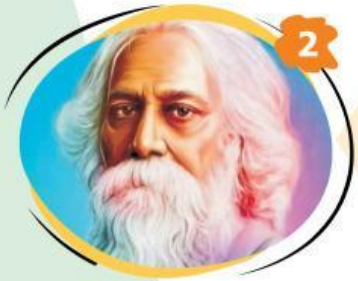
Identify the following poets with the help of the help card :

He established himself as a romantic poet, he received praise for his series of odes into nature's various facets. His writings were smooth in flow and description. Unfortunately, only about 6 years into his passion, his health deteriorated on account of tuberculosis and he bid farewell to the world on 23 February, 1821 at a young age of 25. Ode to the Nightingale' and 'To Autumn' were some of his best works.

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He was the first non-European to win the Nobel prize in literature for his work Gitanjali in 1913 that was reviewed as being original and reviving spiritual and sympathetic feelings. Many of his Bengali poems lost their beauty in translation. One of the greatest poets the subcontinent has ever produced, he founded the Viswa Bharati Institute. One of his most famous works was 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

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He was a prolific writer and is best known for his work 'Don Juan'. He was active in politics and resented his competitors by his literary works. He is one of the most lauded poets of Britain although his personal life was black marked by scandals and credit issues. He became a part of popular culture in his time.

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One of the most famous poets in America's literature front, he is the recipient of 4 Pulitzer Prizes. His writings generally portrayed the typical rural life of the English countryside. One of his most revered poems is the 'Road Not Taken' which has the lines 'I took the one less travelled by; and that has made all the difference' that is often quoted by many writers.

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She is an American poet who rose to critical acclaim with her work 'I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings'. She has published numerous autobiographies, essays and poems mainly focusing on race and identity. She has received many awards and a litany of honorary degrees from across the world for an outstanding contribution to political ideas and standpoints through her works.

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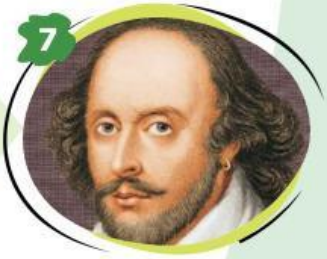
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He was an English poet and a cleric in the church of England. He is considered the pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets. His works are noted for their strong, sensual style and include sonnets, love poetry, religious poems, Latin translations, epigrams, elegies, songs, satires and sermons. His poetry is noted for its vibrancy of language and inventiveness of metaphor, especially compared to that of his contemporaries.

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He was an English poet and playwright widely regarded as the greatest writer of the English language, as well as one of the greatest in Western literature, and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He wrote about thirty-eight plays and 154 sonnets, as well as a variety of other poems. His works have been translated into every major living language, and his plays are continually performed all around the world.

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He was the poet Laureate of Britain during the Victorian age. He gave them an artistic touch using simple but powerful descriptions of even the most trivial happenings. This is seen in his famous poem 'The Brook', in the line 'The river chatters and chatters as it flows' which instills in the reader a sense of realism achieved through verbal prowess.

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He is considered as one of the finest English poets of the romantic age. Many publishers refused to get his writings printed for the feared harsh consequences. His life had in depth effects on his personal and social life as well and his poems do express a great deal of melancholy in expression. Sadly, he was killed in a sea storm on 8 July 1822 at a tender age and gained world recognition, sadly posthumously.

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He is called the nature lover poet. He became an enthusiast for the ideals of the French revolution. He began to write poetry while he was at school, but none was published until 1793. His great autobiographical poem, 'The Prelude', which he had worked on since 1798, was published after his death.

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Help Card

William Shakespeare, John Donne, John Keats, Maya Angelou, Lord Byron, Rabindranath Tagore, Alfred Lord Tennyson, William Wordsworth, Robert Frost, Percy Bysshe Shelley

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In 1827, Tennyson and his brothers published a book of poems. He received a gold medal at University for one of his poems and published his first solo collection of poems in 1830.

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