The Salient Characteristics of the Elizabethan Age or The Shakespearean Age[1559-1625] By B.P.Rao(Associate Professor) The Most Remarkable Period in the History of English Literature. It started in Italy and spread through Germany,Italy and France and spread in England in the 16th century.

Renaissance means Revival of the classical learning

Renaissance means the gradual enlightenment of human mind after the darkness of the middle ages The creative writers were inspired by reading the ancient Greek literature especially the classics and the Greek philosophy Based on humanism so advocated strong individualism and democratic spirit

Poetry and drama reached at the highest peak of excellence

Thomas Wyatt and Henry Howard, the Earl of Surrey – the pioneers of new poetry in England

Edmund Spenser finely expresses the spirit of the Renaissance in his'The Faerie Queene'

In Drama Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare reflect the Renaissance spirit perfectly. Drama reached the splendid consummation in the hands of William Shakespeare and Ben Jonson

Songs, Lyrics and Sonnets were produced in plenty so England was known as 'the Nest of Singing Birds'