Recommended Reading List for Students Standing in Old English

from Bodleian Library Junius XI

Caedmon's Hymn

Selections from Genesis and Exodus

Selections from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles (e.g., Cynewulf and Cyneheard, The Battle of Brunanburh)

Alfred's Preface to Pastoral Care

from The Exeter Book

Selected Maxims

Selected Riddles (e.g., 7 (swan), 12 (bull-calf or leather), 20 (sword), 21 (plow), 29 (sun & moon), 40 (creation), 42 (cock and hen), 44 (key), 60 (reed-pen), 65 (onion), 93 (inkhorn)

The Life of Saint Guthlac

Juliana

The Wanderer

The Seafarer

Widsith

The Wife's Lament

Wulf and Eadwacer

Deor

The Ruin

Selections from the Physiologus (e.g., The Whale, The Panther)

Selections from the British Library Manuscript Cotton Vitellius A XV

Beowulf

Judith

Prose Solomon and Saturn

Selections from the Vercelli MS

Dream of the Rood

Elene

Lives of the Saints (various manuscripts)

Eugenia

Euphrosyne (Eufrosina)

The Battle of Finnsburh

The Battle of Maldon

Selected Charms and Healing Remedies

Aelfric's Preface to his Translation of Genesis Aelfric's Life of Saint Edmond

Wulfstan's Sermo Lupi ad Anglos The Voyage of Wulfstan Wonders of the East Letter of Alexander to Aristotle Apollonius of Tyre

Selections from Bede's Ecclesiastical History of England