

# Famous Characters in Literature

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**Adam** – (1) A character in the Bible; also in "Paradise Lost" by Milton. (2) In Shakespeare's "As You Like It" – an aged servant of Orlando. (3) In Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" – Officer is known by his dress, a skin coat.

**Aladdin** – A well known character in the "Arabian Nights", in possession of the magic ring and lamp.

**Alice** – A little girl in "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carrol.

**Ariel** – In "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare, an airy Spirit which is controlled by Prospero.

**Anna Kerenina** – The heroine of the novel of the same name by Leo Tolstoy.

**Ancient Mariner** – A character in the poem of the same name by S.T. Coleridge, who describes his supernatural experiences to the wedding guests.

**Antonio** – A character in "The merchant of Venice" by Shakespeare, Shylock the cruel money lender, is bent on taking one pound of flesh from his body.

**Bassanio** – A friend of Antonio in "The Merchant of Venice."

**Beatrix** – Heroine in W. M. Thackeray's novel "Henry Esmond."

**Beatrice** – Heroine of Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing." She plays a delightful role and is famous for her witty dialogues.

**Brutus Mercus** – The historic character in "Julius Caesar" of Shakespeare. He assassinates his friend Julius Caesar, the Emperor of Rome.

**Christian** – An allegorical character and hero of "The Pilgrim's Progress" of John Bunyan.

**Clare** – Hero of "Tess" by Thomas Hardy.

**Cleopatra** – The heroine of "Antony and Cleopatra" of Shakespeare. She was the beautiful queen of Egypt. G. B. Shaw also has dramatized her in his "Caesar and Cleopatra."

**Cordelia** – The faithful and youngest daughter of Lear in Shakespeare's play "King Lear".

**Desdemona** – Faithful wife of Othello in Shakespeare's drama "Othello".

**Don Quixote** – A famous character in Cervante's novel of the same name. He is an eccentric figure striking at a wind mill taking it for a giant.

**Don Juan** – A character in the poem of the same name by Lord Byron.

**Dushyanta** â€" Husband of Shakuntala and the hero of the play in Kalidasa's Abhigyan Shakuntlam."

**Frankenstein** â€" The monster character in the novel of the same name by Mrs. Shelley. His counterpart in Indian mythology is Bhasmasur.

**Gora** â€" Hero of the novel of the same name by Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore.

**Hawkins** â€" The hero of R.L. Stevenson's novel "Treasure Island".

**Hyde** â€" The terrifying characters in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by R. L. Stevenson.

**Macbeth** â€" A model of overweening ambition in Shakespeare's play the same name.

**Micawber** â€" A comic character in Charles Dickens novel "David Copperfield." He is a type of the optimist for whom something may turn up.

**Oliver Twist** â€" A poor orphan boy and hero of Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

**Dr. Zhivago** â€" The hero of the novel of the same name by Boris Pasternak. He is shown as a critic of Bolshevism.