

Mark Twain, The Connecticut Yankee, and Arthuriana timeline

This list is not meant to be complete, but to give a few examples.

American Literature in English

Fifth-Sixth Centuries (400s-500s)

Seventh-Fourteenth Centuries (600s-1300s)

Fifteenth Century (1400s)

1492: *Columbus first lands in America*

Sixteenth - Seventeenth Centuries (1500s-1600s)

Eighteenth Century (1700s)

1775-1783: *American Revolutionary War*

Nineteenth Century (1800s)

1820: *Missouri Compromise makes Missouri a slave state*

1835-1853: Mark Twain (real name: Samuel Clemens) born and raised in Missouri

1861-1865: *American Civil War*

- 1861: Twain briefly enlists with the Confederate army but resigns after two weeks

1871: Twain moves to Connecticut

1876: Twain, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

1879: Fictional date in *Connecticut Yankee* when Hank Morgan disappears to reappear at Arthur's court

1884/5: Twain, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

1889: Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*

1910: Twain dies

British Literature

Fifth-Sixth Centuries (400s-500s)

400s-500s: Possibly a "historical Arthur," king or warlord of the Britons

528: Fictional date in *Connecticut Yankee* when Hank Morgan appears in Arthur's court

Seventh-Fourteenth Centuries (600s-1300s)

Fifteenth Century (1400s)

Sir Thomas Malory (c. 1416 - 1471)

- 1469-1470: Completes *Le Morte Darthur*
- 1485: *Le Morte Darthur* published by Caxton

Sixteenth - Seventeenth Centuries (1500s-1600s)

Eighteenth Century (1700s)

Nineteenth Century (1800s)

Sir Walter Scott, 1st Baronet (1771-1832)

- 1813: Declined position of Poet Laureate
- 1820: *Ivanhoe*

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

- 1850: Made Poet Laureate
- 1859-1885: *Idylls of the King*
- 1884: Created Baron Tennyson

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