Landmarks in English Literary History

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1. Which play is historically recorded as the first to be performed at the Globe Theatre in 1599?

A) Julius Caesar
B) Hamlet
C) Macbeth
D) Romeo and Juliet

2. In what year was the first edition of the King James Bible published?

A) 1601
B) 1611
C) 1621
D) 1631

3. Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' was first published anonymously in London in which year?

A) 1816
B) 1818
C) 1820
D) 1822

4. Which literary work by Geoffrey Chaucer consists of a collection of stories told by pilgrims traveling to the shrine of Thomas Becket?

A) The Parliament of Fowls
B) Troilus and Criseyde
C) The Canterbury Tales
D) The Book of the Duchess

5. What was the pen name used by Charlotte Brontë when she first published 'Jane Eyre' in 1847?

A) Ellis Bell
B) Acton Bell
C) Currer Bell
D) George Eliot

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6. The publication of which 1859 book by Charles Darwin significantly influenced the realism movement in late Victorian literature?

A) The Voyage of the Beagle
B) On the Origin of Species
C) The Descent of Man
D) Principles of Geology

7. Which author is historically recognized as the first English writer to use the printing press established by William Caxton in 1476?

A) Thomas Malory
B) John Gower
C) William Langland
D) John Lydgate

8. Which literary group, active in the early 20th century, included members such as Virginia Woolf and E.M. Forster?

A) The Inklings
B) The Bloomsbury Group
C) The Beat Generation
D) The Lake Poets

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