**Read the text and do task 1and task 2.**

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Britain, with its rich literary heritage has produced more famous [**writers**](https://www.thefamouspeople.com/writers.php) than any other country. The British literary tradition dates back to over a thousand years and has played a predominant role in shaping the development of English literature on the international scenario. The 14th century writer Geoffrey Chaucer is considered by many to be the Father of English Literature and the greatest poet of the Middle Ages. He was instrumental in developing the use of the vernacular Middle English. The most famous writer of all time is probably William Shakespeare. Also known as “The Bard”, the 16th century writer’s influence on the world literature has been so profound that his works are read even today. Another highly influential British writer was William Wordsworth who played a prominent role in the development of the literary movement called Romanticism. Britain has also produced a number of acclaimed female writers like Jane Austen, George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), and the Bronte sisters. In the contemporary era, British writers like Lauren Child and J. K. Rowling have emerged amongst the most popular writers of children’s books.

1. **J.R.R. Tolkien** was an English writer, philologist, and academic. What started as a bedtime story, which he narrated to his children, ‘The Hobbit’ became an award-winning novel, with hundreds of millions of fans from across the world. Described as ‘grew in the telling,’ the novel became one of his most-loved books along with his richly inventive epic tale series ‘The Lord of the Rings’ which was written in bits and pieces and sent as letters to his kids. J.R.R. Tolkien was an internationally acclaimed writer, most popular for his dark fantasy stories. His areas of expertise included Old English, poetry, literature, and mythology, inspired by early Germanic. Apart from novels, he also authored a series of short stories. It was due to his connection with fictional histories, fantasy writings, and constructed languages that he came to be known as the ‘father of modern fantasy literature.’ His epic tale series ‘The Lord of the Rings’ has been translated into more than 25 languages for readers across the world. Even after 50 years of its original publication, it has often been ranked among the best-loved stories created in the 20th century, along with ‘The Hobbit.’ These two novels have been adapted into award-winning blockbuster movies by Hollywood director Peter Jackson.
2. Little did she, in her wildest dreams, anticipate that a delayed train journey from Manchester to London would change her life for good! The woman behind the Harry Potter franchise, **J K Rowling** or simply Joanne Rowling is one of the best-selling authors today. Rowling’s is a typical rags to riches story - from living on state benefits to becoming the multi-millionaire author, her life took a complete 180 degree turn when the first book of her conceptualized dream materialized on the bookstand by the name, ‘Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone’. The antics of the bespectacled boy and the perfect imagery of the wizardry world left even the best of readers captivated for more. And hence started the journey of Harry Potter and his creator, via King’s Cross station, which took both the character and the author to reach the zenith of success and popularity! Today worth billions of dollars, the Harry Potter series, which comprises of 7 books and 8 films, has become the best-selling series of all time and highest grossing film series in history.
3. **Agatha Christie**, known as the ‘Queen of Crime’, was a renowned English writer who wrote over 66 detective novels. She is best known as the creator of Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and village lady Miss Marple. She is credited for writing world’s longest running play ‘The Mousetrap’. Her first successful publication was ‘The Mysterious Affair at Styles’ that introduced the character of Poirot. According to Index Translationum, her books have been translated into 103 different languages, and her works rank third rank after the works of William Shakespeare and the Bible, as the world’s most widely published books. Her novel ‘And Then There Were None’ deserves special mention as her best-selling novel. Around 100 million copies of this novel have been sold till now. For her noteworthy contribution in the field of detective stories, she received several awards, such as, Grand Master Award and an Edgar Award. A number of films, television series, video games and comics have been made based on her stories. Her created character Poirot is the only fictional character for which The New York Times published an obituary, which is a clear indication of the character’s popularity.

**Task 1. Fill the table**

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| English writer |  |  |  |
| Books |  |  |  |

**Task 2.** Consult the encyclopedia or the internet and write information about your favourite writer: Use this plan

**Quick Facts**

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Nationality:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Famous BOOKS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sun Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Born Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Famous As: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_