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William Blake was born on November 28, 1757, in the Soho district of London, England. He only briefly attended school, being chiefly educated at home by his mother.

Early life[edit] 28 Broad Street now Broadwick Street in an illustration of Blake was born here and lived here until he was The house was demolished in He was the third of seven children, [14] [15] two of whom died in infancy. Blake started engraving copies of drawings of Greek antiquities purchased for him by his father, a practice that was preferred to actual drawing. The number of prints and bound books that James and Catherine were able to purchase for young William suggests that the Blakes enjoyed, at least for a time, a comfortable wealth. During this period, Blake made explorations into poetry; his early work displays knowledge of Ben Jonson , Edmund Spenser , and the Psalms. Here, the demiurgic figure Urizen prays before the world he has forged. The Song of Los is the third in a series of illuminated books painted by Blake and his wife, collectively known as the Continental Prophecies. After two years, Basire sent his apprentice to copy images from the Gothic churches in London perhaps to settle a quarrel between Blake and James Parker, his fellow apprentice. His experiences in Westminster Abbey helped form his artistic style and ideas. The Abbey of his day was decorated with suits of armour, painted funeral effigies and varicoloured waxworks. Ackroyd notes that " They teased him and one tormented him so much that Basire knocked the boy off a scaffold to the ground, "upon which he fell with terrific Violence". Reynolds wrote in his Discourses that the "disposition to abstractions, to generalising and classification, is the great glory of the human mind"; Blake responded, in marginalia to his personal copy, that "To Generalize is to be an Idiot; To Particularize is the Alone Distinction of Merit". They shared radical views, with Stothard and Cumberland joining the Society for Constitutional Information. Blake was reportedly in the front rank of the mob during the attack. The riots, in response to a parliamentary bill revoking sanctions against Roman Catholicism, became known as the Gordon Riots and provoked a flurry of legislation from the government of George III , and the creation of the first police force. Oberon, Titania and Puck with Fairies Dancing Marriage and early career[edit] Blake met Catherine Boucher in when he was recovering from a relationship that had culminated in a refusal of his marriage proposal. He recounted the story of his heartbreak for Catherine and her parents, after which he asked Catherine, "Do you pity me? Illiterate, Catherine signed her wedding contract with an X. The original wedding certificate may be viewed at the church, where a commemorative stained-glass window was installed between and Throughout his life she proved an invaluable aid, helping to print his illuminated works and maintaining his spirits throughout numerous misfortunes. Along with William Wordsworth and William Godwin , Blake had great hopes for the French and American revolutions and wore a Phrygian cap in solidarity with the French revolutionaries, but despaired with the rise of Robespierre and the Reign of Terror in France. In Blake composed his unfinished manuscript An Island in the Moon. They seem to have shared some views on sexual equality and the institution of marriage, but there is no evidence proving that they met. The process is also referred to as illuminated printing, and the finished products as illuminated books or prints. Illuminated printing involved writing the text of the poems on copper plates with pens and brushes, using an acid-resistant medium. Illustrations could appear alongside words in the manner of earlier illuminated manuscripts. He then etched the plates in acid to dissolve the untreated copper and leave the design standing in relief hence the name. This is a reversal of the usual method of etching, where the lines of the design are exposed to the acid, and the plate printed by the intaglio method. Relief etching which Blake referred to as " stereotype " in The Ghost of Abel was intended as a means for producing his illuminated books more quickly than via intaglio. The pages printed from these plates were hand-coloured in water colours and stitched together to form a volume. Such techniques, typical of engraving work of the time, are very different to the much faster and fluid way of drawing on a plate that Blake employed for his relief etching, and indicates why the engravings took so long to complete. Blake taught Catherine to write, and she helped him colour his printed poems. It was in this cottage that Blake began Milton the title page is dated , but Blake continued to work on it until The preface to this work includes a poem beginning " And did those feet in ancient time ", which became the words for the

anthem " Jerusalem ". Over time, Blake began to resent his new patron, believing that Hayley was uninterested in true artistry, and preoccupied with "the meer drudgery of business" E Schofield claimed that Blake had exclaimed "Damn the king. The soldiers are all slaves. According to a report in the Sussex county paper, "[T]he invented character of [the evidence] was When Blake learned he had been cheated, he broke off contact with Stothard. The exhibition was designed to market his own version of the Canterbury illustration titled The Canterbury Pilgrims , along with other works. As a result, he wrote his Descriptive Catalogue , which contains what Anthony Blunt called a "brilliant analysis" of Chaucer and is regularly anthologised as a classic of Chaucer criticism. The exhibition was very poorly attended, selling none of the temperas or watercolours. Its only review, in The Examiner , was hostile. Also around this time circa , Blake gave vigorous expression of his views on art in an extensive series of polemical annotations to the Discourses of Sir Joshua Reynolds , denouncing the Royal Academy as a fraud and proclaiming, "To Generalize is to be an Idiot". Aged 65, Blake began work on illustrations for the Book of Job , later admired by Ruskin , who compared Blake favourably to Rembrandt , and by Vaughan Williams , who based his ballet Job: A Masque for Dancing on a selection of the illustrations. In later life Blake began to sell a great number of his works, particularly his Bible illustrations, to Thomas Butts, a patron who saw Blake more as a friend than a man whose work held artistic merit; this was typical of the opinions held of Blake throughout his life. Life mask taken in plaster cast in September , Fitzwilliam Museum. Even so, they have earned praise: A gravestone to mark the actual spot was unveiled at a public ceremony on 12 August Eventually, it is reported, he ceased working and turned to his wife, who was in tears by his bedside. Beholding her, Blake is said to have cried, "Stay Kate! Keep just as you are" I will draw your portrait " for you have ever been an angel to me. Gilchrist reports that a female lodger in the house, present at his expiration, said, "I have been at the death, not of a man, but of a blessed angel. She continued selling his illuminated works and paintings, but entertained no business transaction without first "consulting Mr. Tatham was an Irvingite , one of the many fundamentalist movements of the 19th century, and opposed to any work that smacked of blasphemy. The first was a stone that reads "Near by lie the remains of the poet-painter William Blake " and his wife Catherine Sophia ". The area had been damaged in the Second World War ; gravestones were removed and a garden was created. The memorial stone, indicating that the burial sites are "nearby", was listed as a Grade II listed structure in In a memorial to Blake and his wife was erected in Westminster Abbey. Blake was concerned about senseless wars and the blighting effects of the Industrial Revolution. Much of his poetry recounts in symbolic allegory the effects of the French and American revolutions. Erdman claims Blake was disillusioned with them, believing they had simply replaced monarchy with irresponsible mercantilism and notes Blake was deeply opposed to slavery, and believes some of his poems read primarily as championing " free love " have had their anti-slavery implications short-changed. Visionary Anarchist by Peter Marshall , classified Blake and his contemporary William Godwin as forerunners of modern anarchism. William Blake and the Moral Law , shows how far he was inspired by dissident religious ideas rooted in the thinking of the most radical opponents of the monarchy during the English Civil War. The Vintage anthology of Blake edited by Patti Smith focuses heavily on the earlier work, as do many critical studies such as William Blake by D. The earlier work is primarily rebellious in character and can be seen as a protest against dogmatic religion especially notable in The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, in which the figure represented by the "Devil" is virtually a hero rebelling against an imposter authoritarian deity. In later works, such as Milton and Jerusalem, Blake carves a distinctive vision of a humanity redeemed by self-sacrifice and forgiveness, while retaining his earlier negative attitude towards what he felt was the rigid and morbid authoritarianism of traditional religion. This renunciation of the sharper dualism of Marriage of Heaven and Hell is evidenced in particular by the humanisation of the character of Urizen in the later works. Murry characterises the later Blake as having found "mutual understanding" and "mutual forgiveness". The 19th-century "free love" movement was not particularly focused on the idea of multiple partners, but did agree with Wollstonecraft that state-sanctioned marriage was "legal prostitution" and monopolistic in character. It has somewhat more in common with early feminist movements [77] particularly with regard to the writings of Mary Wollstonecraft, whom Blake admired. Blake was critical of the marriage laws of his day, and generally railed against traditional Christian notions of chastity as a virtue. Poems such as

"Why should I be bound to thee, O my lovely Myrtle-tree? Visions of the Daughters of Albion is widely though not universally read as a tribute to free love since the relationship between Bromion and Oothoon is held together only by laws and not by love. For Blake, law and love are opposed, and he castigates the "frozen marriage-bed". In Visions, Blake writes: Till she who burns with youth, and knows no fixed lot, is bound In spells of law to one she loathes? Foster Damon noted that for Blake the major impediments to a free love society were corrupt human nature, not merely the intolerance of society and the jealousy of men, but the inauthentic hypocritical nature of human communication. Some poems from this period warn of dangers of predatory sexuality such as The Sick Rose. Berger believes the young Blake placed too much emphasis on following impulses, [95] and that the older Blake had a better formed ideal of a true love that sacrifices self. However, the late poems also place a greater emphasis on forgiveness, redemption, and emotional authenticity as a foundation for relationships. Religious views[edit] This section possibly contains original research. Please improve it by verifying the claims made and adding inline citations. Statements consisting only of original research should be removed. This image depicts Copy D of the illustration currently held at the British Museum. His view of orthodoxy is evident in The Marriage of Heaven and Hell. Therein, Blake lists several Proverbs of Hell , among which are the following: Prisons are built with stones of Law, Brothels with bricks of Religion. As the catterpillar [sic] chooses the fairest leaves to lay her eggs on, so the priest lays his curse on the fairest joys. God wants not Man to Humble himself 55â€™61, Eâ€™20 For Blake, Jesus symbolises the vital relationship and unity between divinity and humanity: Antiquity preaches the Gospel of Jesus. Within these he describes a number of characters, including "Urizen", "Enitharmon", "Bromion" and "Luvah". His mythology seems to have a basis in the Bible as well as Greek and Norse mythology, [97] [98] and it accompanies his ideas about the everlasting Gospel. Men are admitted into Heaven not because they have curbed and governd their Passions or have No Passions but because they have Cultivated their Understandings. All Bibles or sacred codes have been the causes of the following Errors.

2: Biography of William Blake

Biography William Blake William Blake (November 28, - August 12,) was an English poet, painter, and printmaker. William Blake was one of England's greatest poets.

Although Blake did not receive the deserved recognition during his lifetime, he is remembered today as one of the greatest literary figures and artists of Europe. His exceptional philosophies, creativity and expression are the key factors of his brilliant works. He was the son of a hosier. An imaginative young soul, Blake admitted to having visions of God and angels. He also had long conversations with his deceased brother. Throughout his life, William used the Bible as a source of inspiration for many of his works. Before entering the drawing school, Blake spent just enough time to learn to read and write at a regular school. Four years later, Blake began his apprenticeship with James Basire, the official engraver to the Society of Antiquaries. Blake continues to work with Basire for seven years creating numerous sketches and drawings of various paintings, monuments and statues as part of his assignments. He gained immense knowledge on gothic art and architecture and also developed a keen interest in the medieval era. During this time Blake met many influential and prominent artistic, literary and intellectual figures of London. For a brief period of time after attending the drawing school, Blake entered the Royal Academy under Sir Joshua Reynolds but left shortly after realizing his creativity being restricted due to the atmosphere. Blake began working with publisher Josph Johnson as an engraver in . In , Blake entered into marriage with an illiterate woman, Catherine Sophia Boucher. Blake taught her how to read and write and the marriage was largely a happy one. In , Blake published his first collection of poetry entitled, *Poetical Sketches*. He continued to write poetry and also began illustrating and even printing his poetry himself. He experimented with different methods and styles of both illustration and printing. His highly imaginative illustrations were creatively drawn and most often focused on the human anatomy. His volumes contained beautifully drawn and decorative margins which were different in every work. Blake also rendered his services to illustrate the works of other writers. The Blakes moved to Felpham, Sussex in . Here, Blake illustrated works for poet William Hayley. In , Blake was acquitted for uttering subversive remarks against the king during a violent confrontation with a soldier. William Blake passed away on August 12, . He was buried in an unmarked grave in the Non-Conformist Bunhill Fields in London where Catherin accompanied him four years later. Bluebook Style William Blake, <https://www.writeabout.com/William-Blake>.

3: William Blake (Author of Songs of Innocence and of Experience)

William Blake (28 November - 12 August) was an English poet, painter, and printmaker. Largely unrecognised during his lifetime, Blake is now considered a seminal figure in the history of the poetry and visual arts of the Romantic Age.

The following bibliography is supplementary to the excellent bibliography that is maintained on The William Blake Archive. The on-line bibliography at The William Blake Archive, which is updated annually, is now the best place to begin on-line research on Blake, his circle, and his times. High-quality facsimile editions, with editorial commentary and full historical and bibliographical apparatus. Individual volumes are as follows: Songs of Innocence and of Experience, ed. The Early Illuminated Books, ed. Morris Eaves, Robert N. Essick, and Joseph Viscomi The Continental Prophecies, ed. Essick and Joseph Viscomi The Urizen Books, ed. Oxford University Press, The Letters of William Blake, ed. The Poems of William Blake, ed. Stevenson, with text by David V. Longman, ; New York: An annotated edition, although the annotations are eclectic and frequently unreliable. A second edition is available: Includes numerous illustrations of the illuminated works and considerable useful critical commentary. Erdman, with a commentary by Harold Bloom. This is now the definitive edition of both the poetry and the prose, including the letters; this is the edition to which to key textual references. See also the electronic edition available at <http://www.williamblakearchive.org/>: A Photographic and Typographic Facsimile, ed. Erdman and Donald K. Clarendon Press, ; Revised version, New York: The Pickering Manuscript of William Blake, ed. Pierpont Morgan Library, Vala, or The Four Zoas: An Island in the Moon, ed. Cambridge University Press, Various other full-color facsimile editions exist, including the Songs of Innocence and of Experience and The Marriage of Heaven and Hell in relatively good editions published by Oxford University Press. A Prophecy and Europe: Princeton University Press, in conjunction with the Tate Gallery, London, and the William Blake Trust has published a new series of facsimiles, These are extremely high quality facsimiles, super-illustrated and accompanied by detailed bibliographical and critical apparatus. For individual volumes, dates, and editors, see "Editions," above. The facsimile pages from these volumes have now been collected and published in a single volume, with minimal letterpress, as William Blake: The Complete Illuminated Books, ed. Thames and Hudson, Still other facsimiles exist, including a number of photographic facsimiles published by Dent and Sons: The Marriage of Heaven and Hell A useful guide to the illuminated pages is The Illuminated Blake: Erdman surveys most of the copies and itemizes variants in the visual details of the discrete copies. His "descriptions," however, are often speculative rather than objective, and are occasionally informed more by enthusiasm than by accuracy of observation. Also catalogues the following: Updates the previous source through The Ideas and Symbols of William Blake. Revised edition, with a new foreword and annotated bibliography by Morris Eaves. University Press of New England, This old but still valuable dictionary for those who are not made uncomfortable by this sort of reductivist approach to Blake was compiled by the greatest of the early American Blake scholars. This revised and updated edition contains a particularly useful index by Morris Eaves. A Concordance to the Writings of William Blake. Cornell University Press, Spectacularly useful, as concordances generally are. Johnson, Mary Lynn, and John E. A Norton Critical Edition, most appropriate for "beginners. Northrop Frye to the Present. New York and London: Useful annotated bibliography, although the organization is a bit eccentric. This superbly illustrated quarterly publishes annual bibliographies of books, articles, monographs, and reviews about Blake and the members of his circle. It also includes a detailed, annotated annual bibliography of studies relating to Blake and his circle: A Checklist of Recent Scholarship. A growing number of these have now been mounted on the site, together with sophisticated tools for searching and manipulating the verbal and visual texts. There are multiple links to verbal; and visual resources. The Voice of the Shuttle. The array of links is daunting, but the site is very well organized. It also includes resources like mapmakers, translation programs, directories, encyclopedias, and links to links -- including links to courses and syllabi from other institutions. The English studies page, which is subdivided by period, can be accessed directly at <http://www.williamblakearchive.org/>: The Romantics sub-site is at <http://www.williamblakearchive.org/romantics/>: It is a fully detailed chronology of the Romantic period, with extensive links to other sites devoted to individual figures, events, and phenomena of the English Romantic period, including texts including

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4: William Blake Biography

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Two of his six siblings died in infancy. From early childhood, Blake spoke of having visions—“at four he saw God "put his head to the window"; around age nine, while walking through the countryside, he saw a tree filled with angels. Although his parents tried to discourage him from "lying," they did observe that he was different from his peers and did not force him to attend conventional school. He learned to read and write at home. At age ten, Blake expressed a wish to become a painter, so his parents sent him to drawing school. Two years later, Blake began writing poetry. When he turned fourteen, he apprenticed with an engraver because art school proved too costly. After his seven-year term ended, he studied briefly at the Royal Academy. In 1789, he married an illiterate woman named Catherine Boucher. Blake taught her to read and to write, and also instructed her in draftsmanship. Later, she helped him print the illuminated poetry for which he is remembered today; the couple had no children. In 1793, he set up a printshop with a friend and former fellow apprentice, James Parker, but this venture failed after several years. For the remainder of his life, Blake made a meager living as an engraver and illustrator for books and magazines. In addition to his wife, Blake also began training his younger brother Robert in drawing, painting, and engraving. Robert fell ill during the winter of 1797 and succumbed, probably to consumption. He published his most popular collection, *Songs of Innocence*, in 1789 and followed it, in 1796, with *Songs of Experience*. Both books of *Songs* were printed in an illustrated format reminiscent of illuminated manuscripts. The text and illustrations were printed from copper plates, and each picture was finished by hand in watercolors. Blake was a nonconformist who associated with some of the leading radical thinkers of his day, such as Thomas Paine and Mary Wollstonecraft. In defiance of 18th-century neoclassical conventions, he privileged imagination over reason in the creation of both his poetry and images, asserting that ideal forms should be constructed not from observations of nature but from inner visions. Theological tyranny is the subject of *The Book of Urizen*. In the prose work *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, he satirized oppressive authority in church and state, as well as the works of Emanuel Swedenborg, a Swedish philosopher whose ideas once attracted his interest. In 1800, Blake moved to the seacoast town of Felpham, where he lived and worked until 1803 under the patronage of William Hayley. He taught himself Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and Italian, so that he could read classical works in their original language. In Felpham he experienced profound spiritual insights that prepared him for his mature work, the great visionary epics written and etched between about 1800 and 1810: *Milton, Vala, or The Four Zoas*; rewritten after 1804, and *Jerusalem* have neither traditional plot, characters, rhyme, nor meter. They envision a new and higher kind of innocence, the human spirit triumphant over reason. Blake believed that his poetry could be read and understood by common people, but he was determined not to sacrifice his vision in order to become popular. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who had been lent a copy of *Songs of Innocence* and of *Experience*, considered Blake a "man of Genius," and Wordsworth made his own copies of several songs. *The Gates of Paradise For the Sexes: The Gates of Paradise Poetical Sketches*

5: William Blake | Biography, Books and Facts

William Blake - Poet - William Blake was born in London on November 28, 1757, to James, a hosier, and Catherine Blake. Two of his six siblings died in infancy. From early childhood, Blake spoke of having visions "at four he saw God "put his head to the window"; around age nine, while walking through the countryside, he saw a tree filled with angels.

London, England English poet, engraver, and painter William Blake was an English poet, engraver, and painter. A boldly imaginative rebel in both his thought and his art, he combined poetic and pictorial genius to explore life. Except for a few years in Sussex, England, his entire life was spent in London. From his earliest years he saw visions. He would see trees full of angels or similar sights. From his early teens Blake wrote poems, often setting them to melodies of his own composition. It was as an engraver that Blake earned his living for the rest of his life. After he was twenty-one, Blake studied for a time at the Royal Academy of Arts, but he was unhappy with the instruction and soon left. In August Blake married Catherine Boucher, who had fallen in love with him at first sight. He taught her to read and write, and she later became a valued assistant. His "sweet shadow of delight," as Blake called Catherine, was a devoted and loving wife. Early works When he was twenty-six, he wrote a collection entitled *Poetical Sketches*. This volume William Blake. Reproduced by permission of the National Portrait Gallery London. After his father died in 1773, Blake set up a print shop next door to the family shop. In his beloved brother Robert died; thereafter William claimed that Robert communicated with him in visions. It was Robert, William said, who inspired him with a new method of illuminated etching. The words and or design were drawn in reverse on a plate covered with an acid-resisting substance; acid was then applied. From these etched plates pages were printed and later hand-colored. Blake used his unique methods to print almost all of his long poems. In Blake produced *Songs of Innocence* as the first major work in his new process, followed by *Songs of Experience*. The magnificent lyrics in these two collections carefully compare the openness of innocence with the bitterness of experience. They are a milestone because they are a rare instance of the successful union of two art forms by one man. Days of betrayal Blake spent the years to in Sussex working with William Hayley, a minor poet and man of letters. With good intentions Hayley tried to cure Blake of his unprofitable enthusiasms. He identified with the poet John Milton "in leaving the safety of heaven and returning to earth. Also at this time in life Blake was accused of uttering seditious treasonous sentiments. Back in London, Blake worked hard at his poems, engraving, and painting, but he suffered several reverses. He also received insulting reviews of that project and of an exhibition he gave in to introduce his idea of decorating public buildings with portable frescoes paintings done on moist plaster using water-based paints. Blake had become a political sympathizer with the American and French Revolutions. Imagination was the hero. He was also sometimes reduced to writing for others, and the public did not purchase or read his divinely inspired predictions and visions. After 1793, however, conditions improved. His last six years of life were spent at Fountain Court surrounded by a group of admiring young artists. Blake did some of his best pictorial work: In his health began to weaken, and he died singing in London, England, on August 12, 1800. In his own lifetime he was almost unknown except to a few friends and faithful sponsors. He was even suspected of being mad. He has been acclaimed as one who shares common ideals held by psychologists, writers most notably William Butler Yeats [1893-1933], extreme students of religion, rock-and-roll musicians, and people studying Oriental religion. The works of William Blake have been used by people rebelling against a wide variety of issues, such as war, conformity behaving in a certain way because it is accepted or expected, and almost every kind of repression. For More Information Ackroyd, Peter. *The Stranger from Paradise: A Biography of William Blake*. Yale University Press, 1996. William Blake, His Life. Comment about this article, ask questions, or add new information about this topic:

6: The Lamb - Wikipedia

William Blake () was a mystic writer not famous in his lifetime but so after his death. He was considered by many as mad until when a Gilchrist wrote his biography which gave people an insight into his personality and work.

These works he etched, printed, coloured, stitched, and sold, with the assistance of his devoted wife, Catherine. In the early 21st century, Blake was regarded as the earliest and most original of the Romantic poets, but in his lifetime he was generally neglected or unjustly dismissed as mad. His father came from an obscure family in Rotherhithe, across the River Thames from London, and his mother was from equally obscure yeoman stock in the straggling little village of Walkeringham in Nottinghamshire. His mother had first married a haberdasher named Thomas Armitage, and in they moved to 28 Broad Street. In the couple joined the newly established Moravian church in Fetter Lane, London. The Moravian religious movement, recently imported from Germany, had had a strong attraction to the powerful emotions associated with nascent Methodism see Moravian church. Catherine Armitage bore a son named Thomas, who died as a baby in , and a few months later Thomas Armitage himself died. Catherine left the Moravians, who insisted on marriages within the faith, and in married James Blake in the Church of England chapel of St. George in Hanover Square. James moved in with her at 28 Broad Street. They had six children: William Blake grew up in modest circumstances. But he understands the Bible in its spiritual sense. But some of the orthodox not only tolerated but also encouraged Blake. Two of his most important patrons, the Rev. Mathew and the Rev. Joseph Thomas, were clergymen of the Church of England. Blake was a religious seeker but not a joiner. He was profoundly influenced by some of the ideas of Swedish theologian Emanuel Swedenborg , and in April he attended the general conference of the New Church which had been recently founded by followers of Swedenborg in London. Education as artist and engraver From childhood Blake wanted to be an artist, at the time an unusual aspiration for someone from a family of small businessmen and Nonconformists dissenting Protestants. The boy hoped to be apprenticed to some artist of the newly formed and flourishing English school of painting , but the fees proved to be more than the parental pocket could withstand. Instead he went with his father in to interview the successful and fashionable engraver William Wynne Ryland. The young Blake was ultimately apprenticed for 50 guineas to James Basire â€” , a highly responsible and conservative line engraver who specialized in prints depicting architecture. There he learned to polish the copperplates, to sharpen the gravers, to grind the ink, to reduce the images to the size of the copper, to prepare the plates for etching with acid, and eventually to push the sharp graver through the copper, with the light filtered through gauze so that the glare reflected from the brilliantly polished copper would not dazzle him. Career as engraver On the completion of his apprenticeship in , Blake began to work vigorously as an independent engraver. His most frequent commissions were from the great liberal bookseller Joseph Johnson. At first most of his work was copy engraving after the designs of other artists, such as the two fashion plates for the Ladies New and Polite Pocket Memorandum-Book Blake became so well known that he received commissions to engrave his own designs. The number of designs was whittled down, without notifying Blake, from 20 to 15 to Should he again essay to climb the Parnassian heights, his friends would do well to restrain his wanderings by the strait waistcoat. Whatever licence we may allow him as a painter, to tolerate him as a poet would be insufferable. It shows him with a pencil in his hand, indicating, truthfully, that he is an artist, and wearing a waistcoat and an elegant frilled stock, suggesting, falsely, that he is a gentleman. The most remarkable feature of the portrait, however, is the prominent eyes. As I looked, the shape dilated more and more: An angel of evil could not have done thatâ€”it was the arch-angel Gabriel. Courtesy of the trustees of the British Museum; photograph, J. Blake also published his engravings of his own designs, though mostly in very small numbers. One of the best known is Glad Day, also called Albion Rose designed , engraved ? Even more ambitiously, he invented a method of printing in colour, still not clearly understood, which he used in to create his 12 great folio colour prints, including God Judging Adam and Newton. The latter shows the great mathematician naked and seated on a rock at the bottom of the sea making geometric designs. These were printed in only two or three copies apiece, and some were still in his possession at his death. Marriage to Catherine Boucher In Blake fell in love

with Catherine Sophia Boucher " , the pretty, illiterate daughter of an unsuccessful market gardener from the farm village of Battersea across the River Thames from London. The family name suggests that they were Huguenots who had fled religious persecution in France. It was an imprudent and highly satisfactory marriage. Blake taught Catherine to read and write a little , to draw, to colour his designs and prints, to help him at the printing press , and to see visions as he did. She believed implicitly in his genius and his visions and supported him in everything he did with charming credulity. After his death she lived chiefly for the moments when he came to sit and talk with her. Not long after his marriage, Blake acquired a rolling press for printing engravings and joined his fellow apprentice James Parker in opening a print shop in Within a year, however, Blake had left the business and returned to making rather than selling prints. In the epic poem Vala or The Four Zoas manuscript ? Blake claimed that in a vision Robert taught him the secret of painting his designs and poems on copper in a liquid impervious to acid before the plate was etched and printed. Career as an artist While pursuing his career as an engraver, in Blake enrolled as a student in the newly founded Royal Academy of Arts ; he exhibited a few pictures there, in , , , and In this there is felicity. And increasingly his subjects were his own visions. His friends were artists such as the Neoclassical sculptor John Flaxman , the book illustrator Thomas Stothard , the sensationalist painter Henry Fuseli , the amateur polymath George Cumberland, and the portrait and landscape painter John Linnell. Only Cumberland bought a significant number of his books. The first of a proposed four parts was published in with 43 plates, but it fell stillborn from the press, and no further engraving for the edition was made. Its failure resulted at least in part from the fact that its publisher was already preparing to go out of business and neglected to advertise the book or almost even to sell it. Joseph Thomas of Epsom, not far from the village of Felpham where Blake lived for a while. Pity, colour print on paper finished in ink and watercolour by William Blake, c. Courtesy of the trustees of the Tate, London; photographs, G. Of all these commissions, only illustrations for Job and Dante were engraved and published. The rest were visible only on the private walls of their unostentatious owners. Blake had already determined to return to London when he was beset by legal troubles. Charged with sedition When the peace established in by the Treaty of Amiens broke down in , Napoleon massed his army along the English Channel. British troops were rushed to the Sussex coast, with a troop of dragoons billeted in the pub at Felpham. Blake asked him to leave and, on his refusal, took him by the elbows and marched him down the street to the Fox Inn, 50 yards 46 metres away. He showed work at the exhibition of the Associated Painters in Water-Colours and exhibited some pictures at the Royal Academy of Arts , but these works were greeted with silence. The most ambitious picture in the exhibition, called The Ancient Britons and depicting the last battle of the legendary King Arthur , had been commissioned by the Welsh scholar and enthusiast William Owen Pughe. The painting, now lost, was said to have been 14 feet 4. Only a few persons saw the exhibition, perhaps no more than a couple dozen, but they included Robinson, the essayist and critic Charles Lamb and his sister, Mary, and Robert Hunt, brother of the journalist and poet Leigh Hunt. Robert Hunt wrote the only printed notice in the radical family weekly The Examiner of the exhibition and its Descriptive Catalogue, and through his vilification they became much more widely known than Blake had been able to make them. He riposted by incorporating the Hunt brothers into his poems Milton and Jerusalem, but the harm was done, and Blake withdrew more and more into obscurity. From to he engraved few plates, his commissions for designs were mostly private, and he sank deeper into poverty. But even from boyhood he wrote poetry. In the early s he attended the literary and artistic salons of the bluestocking Harriet Mathew, and there he read and sang his poems. Blake, however, showed little interest in the volume, and when he died he still had uncut and unstitched copies in his possession. The languid strings do scarcely move! Instead, using a technology revealed to him by his brother Robert in a vision, he drew his poems and their surrounding designs on copper in a liquid impervious to acid. He then etched them and, with the aid of his devoted wife, printed them, coloured them, stitched them in rough sugar-paper wrappers, and offered them for sale. He rarely printed more than a dozen copies at a time, reprinting them when his stock ran low, and no more than 30 copies of any of them survive; several are known only in unique copies, and some to which he refers no longer exist. Songs of Innocence , with 19 poems on 26 prints. So if all do their duty, they need not fear harm. Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? The syllogism is simple if not simplistic: Blake takes the inquiry

about the nature of life a little further in *The Book of Thel*, the first of his published myths. Or the glistening Eye to the poison of a smile! It is a prose work in no familiar form; for instance, on the title page, no author, printer, or publisher is named. He seems a familiar image of God, but the usual notions about this deity are challenged by an image, on the facing title page, of what the God of reason has created: The poems of *Songs of Experience* centre on threatened, unprotected souls in despair. *The Emanation of the Giant Albion*. I will not cease from Mental Fight, Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand: In these last years Blake gained a new serenity. In truth He Died like a saint[,] as a person who was standing by Him Observed. He was buried in Bunhill Fields, a burial ground for Nonconformists, but he was given the beautiful funeral service of the Church of England. Reputation and influence Blake was scarcely noticed in his own lifetime. The poet Algernon Charles Swinburne was so carried away by Blake that he published an exclamatory and influential study *William Blake: A Critical Essay*

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William Blake was an English poet, engraver, and painter. A boldly imaginative rebel in both his thought and his art, he combined poetic and pictorial genius to explore life.

Considered mad by contemporaries for his idiosyncratic views, Blake is held in high regard by later critics for his expressiveness and creativity, and for the philosophical and mystical undercurrents within his work. His paintings and poetry have been characterised as part of the Romantic movement and "Pre-Romantic", for its large appearance in the 18th century. Reverent of the Bible but hostile to the Church of England, Blake was influenced by the ideals and ambitions of the French and American Revolutions. Though later he rejected many of these political beliefs, he maintained an amiable relationship with the political activist Thomas Paine; he was also influenced by thinkers such as Emanuel Swedenborg. The 19th-century scholar William Rossetti characterised him as a "glorious luminary", and "a man not forestalled by predecessors, nor to be classed with contemporaries, nor to be replaced by known or readily surmisable successors". When I tell any truth it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those who do. To me this world is all one continued vision of fancy or imagination, and I feel flattered when I am told so. What is it sets Homer, Virgil and Milton in so high a rank of art? Why is the Bible more entertaining and instructive than any other book? Is it not because they are addressed to the imagination, which is spiritual sensation, and but immediately to the understanding or reason? I am really sorry to see my countrymen trouble themselves about politics. If men were wise, the most arbitrary princes could not hurt them. If they are not wise, the freest government is compelled to be a tyranny. Princes appear to me to be fools. Houses of Commons and Houses of Lords appear to me to be fools; they seem to me to be something else besides human life. The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness. Energy is eternal delight. All futurity seems teeming with endless destruction never to be repelled; Desperate remorse swallows the present in a quenchless rage. To the eyes of a miser a guinea is more beautiful than the sun, and a bag worn with the use of money has more beautiful proportions than a vine filled with grapes. What seems to be, is, to those to whom it seems to be, and is productive of the most dreadful consequences to those to whom it seems to be, even of torments, despair, eternal death. What is the price of experience? Do men buy it for a song? Or wisdom for a dance in the street? No, it is bought with the price of all the man hath, his house, his wife, his children. Opposition is true friendship. Discuss this William Blake biography with the community:

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William Blake's biography and life www.enganchecubano.com English poet, painter, and printmaker. Largely unrecognised during his lifetime, Blake is now considered a seminal figure in the history of both the poetry and visual.

He combined a lofty mysticism, imagination and vision with an uncompromising awareness of the harsh realities of life. These mystical visions returned throughout his life, leaving a profound mark on his poetry and outlook. William Blake was also particularly sensitive to cruelty. In many ways he was also of radical temperament, rebelling against the prevailing orthodoxy of the day. How can a child, when fears annoy, But droop his tender wing, And forget his youthful spring! The Schoolboy But as well as writing poetry that revealed and exposed the harsh realities of life, William Blake never lost touch with his heavenly visions. Like a true Seer he could see beyond the ordinary world and glimpsed the light of the beyond. Within four short lines he gives an impression of the infinite in the finite, and the eternal in the transient. Blake was first educated at home, chiefly by his mother. Blake remained very close to his mother and wrote a lot of poetry about her. Sweet sleep, with soft down Weave thy brows an infant crown. He found work as an engraver, joining the trade at an early age. He found the early apprenticeship rather boring, but the skills he learnt proved useful throughout his artistic life. During his lifetime Blake never made much money. It was only after his death that his genius was fully appreciated. His engravings and commissioned work drew enough money to survive, but at times he had to rely on the support of some of his close friends. On one occasion he got into trouble with the authorities for forcing a soldier to leave his back garden. He faced the possibility of jail, but through being his own defence counsel, he was able to gain acquittal. Blake was very much a free spirit who readily spoke his mind, so much so that some acquaintances thought he was mad. The esteemed poet, William Wordsworth , said on the death of Blake: After his death his influence steadily grew through the Pre-Raphaelites and later noted poets such as T. Page updated 23rd Jan,

9: Books by William Blake (Author of Songs of Innocence and of Experience)

William Blake, (born Nov. 28, , London, Eng.â€”died Aug. 12, , London), English engraver, artist, poet, and visionary, author of exquisite lyrics in Songs of Innocence () and Songs of Experience () and profound and difficult "prophecies," such as Visions of the Daughters of.

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