

The Reading Room – key

The Reading Room at the British Library was opened in 1857 and was used by a great number of famous people. I have roughly divided my portraits into those placed in either the *foreground* or *background* to identify them.

From left to right – foreground

- 1 William Makepeace Thackeray
- 2 Wilkie Collins
- 3 Charles Dickens
- 4 George Eliot
- 5 Thomas Hardy
- 6 Alfred Lord Tennyson
- 7 Aubrey Beardsley
- 8 Oscar Wilde
- 9 E M Forster
- 10 Dora Carrington
- 11 Leonard Woolf
- 12 Virginia Woolf
- 13 Lytton Strachey
- 14 George Orwell
- 15 H G Wells
- 16 Dorothy Richardson

From left to right – background

- 17 Mark Twain
- 18 Edgar Allen Poe
- 19 William Morris
- 20 Jane Morris
- 21 Dante Gabriel Rossetti
- 22 Christina Rossetti
- 23 W S Gilbert
- 24 Arthur Sullivan
- 25 Arthur Conan Doyle
- 26 Bram Stoker
- 27 Robert Browning
- 28 Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- 29 Samuel Wilberforce
- 30 Charles Darwin
- 31 Alexander Graham Bell
- 32 Joseph Bazalgette
- 33 Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- 34 Mahatma Gandhi
- 35 Rudyard Kipling
- 36 Sir John Tenniel
- 37 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)
- 38 George Bernard Shaw
- 39 Vladimir Lenin
- 40 Karl Marx
- 41 Leon Trotsky