

English VII

Based on Literature

Chapter- 1&2

Topic – A nutshell about the authors

Gareth Owen - born in 1936 and died in 2002, left school at 16 and went to sea but eventually ended up teaching. The English novelist and dramatist was the founder of a theatre company. He ran poetry workshops in schools and colleges, and gave readings at festivals and colleges, and on BBC Radio. At his first school he could not find any published poems that were about the ordinary life he had led, so he started writing his own. Inspired by his own Lancashire schoolboy life, he penned down his boyhood memories. He believed that 'writing has much more to do with memory and recognition than with mere invention'. Some of his most popular works are *Salford Road*, *My Granny Is a Sumo Wrestler*, *Omelette: A chicken in Peril* and *Say Cheese*. Arthur Cavanaugh - born in 1924 and died in 2009 was an American novelist and playwright best known for writing television drama throughout the 1950s. His literary career spanned the publishing of four novels, two memories members and over 50 short stories. Some of his better known pieces include *Leaving Home*, *Missed Trains*, *My Own Back Yard*, *The Children Are Gone* and *The Faithful*.