

## **AUDEN'S BIOGRAPHY AND POETRY QUESTIONS**

**1. Read the text on the literature of commitment and then discuss the following in pairs:**

- \* the mood of the literature of the 1930s
- \* its general features
- \* the meaning of the commitment for the Oxford poets
- \* their stylistic choices
- \* the reaction of the poets of the 1940s

**2. Read Auden's biography and, orally, justify these statements:**

1. He was a voracious reader.
2. He was one of the Oxford poets.
3. He was deeply committed to social and political issues.
4. He was a homosexual.
5. He started a new life in New York.
6. He changed his poetic attitude.
7. He returned to Anglicanism.