# Lecture 3

# Romanticism

# Influence of European Romanticism on American writers

1- The European Romantic movement reached America in the early?

19th century

2- American Romanticism was multifaceted and individualistic as it was in?

Europe

3- American Romanticism was?

\*Multifaceted and individualistic as it was in Europe

\*Like the Europeans, they demonstrated a high level of moral enthusiasm

\*Commitment to individualism and the unfolding of the self

\*An emphasis on intuitive perception

\*And the assumption that the natural world was inherently good, while human society was filled with corruption

4- Romanticism became popular in American?

Politics, philosophy and art

5- The movement appealed to?

\*The revolutionary spirit of America

\*Those longing to break free of the strict religious traditions of early settlement

\* Those in opposition of Calvinism which includes the belief that the destiny of each individual is preordained

6- The Romantics rejected?

Rationalism and religious intellect

7- The Romantic movement gave rise to?

New England Transcendentalism

8- New England Transcendentalism portrayed it what?

# A less restrictive relationship between God and Universe

9- The new philosophy presented the individual with what?

# A more personal relationship with God

10- Transcendentalism and Romanticism appealed to Americans in a similar fashion, for?

\*Both privileged feeling over reason

\* Individual freedom of expression over the restraints of tradition and custom

11- The American Romantic movement often involved?

#### Rapturous response to nature

12- The American Romantic movement encouraged the rejection of?

Harsh, rigid Calvinism and promised a new blossoming of American culture

13- American Romanticism embrace?

The individual

14- American Romanticism rebelled against?

The confinement of neoclassicism and religious tradition

15- The Romantic movement in America created a new?

Literary genre that continues to influence American writers

16- Novels, short stories, and poems replaced?

The sermons and manifestos of yore

17- Romantic literature was personal, intense, and portrayed?

More emotion than ever seen in neoclassical literature

18- It became a great source of motivation for Romantic writers as many were delighted in free expression and emotion without so much fear of ridicule and controversy?

# America's preoccupation with freedom

19- They also put more effort into the psychological development of their characters, and the main characters typically displayed?

# Extremes of sensitivity and excitement

20- were the works of the Romantic Era the same as the preceding works?

# It differed from preceding works

21- In the works of the they spoke to?

# A wider audience, partly reflecting the greater distribution of books as costs came down during the period

22- Romantic period saw an increase in?

Female authors and also female readers

23- Poe, Emerson, and Hawthorne are near perfect of?

# Representations for Romanticism

24- Poe's poetry has that happy, lyrical, and metrical verse His subjects may be gloomy, but his poems contain sentimentality and supernatural characteristics and are about exploring the?

# Human psyche

25- Poe's poem, "The Raven", is about?

\*a sleepless narrator who is absolutely haunted by a raven

\*also exploring the depths of this man's grief

26- What is the reason for the narrator grief?

His mourning for the death of his lost Lenore and is very melancholy

27- The man asks questions about grief, but the raven will only answer with?

#### Nevermore

28- This event would never occur in real life, which makes the poem?

# Romantic

29- Emerson is Romantic. Actually he is?

Transcendental, but this can be seen as an offshoot of Romanticism

30- In "Self Reliance," Emerson espouses the ideas of?

# Transcendentalism

31- Emerson tells the reader things like the importance of trusting oneself and that we don't know everything by knowledge; some things are learned through?

### Experience

32- The philosophy makes sense but is "out there" enough for it to be hard to incorporate into?

# Everyday life

33- Discussing abstract ideas without translation to real life is?

#### Romantic as well

34- In his poem "Give All to Love," he also talks of the importance to trusting oneself and giving oneself over to the?

#### Divine power of love

35- In Hawthorne's short stories, these abstract qualities take on?

#### A symbolic meaning

36- In "The Birthmark," Alymer was so involved in achieving?

#### Perfection, that he ended up killing his wife in the process

37- "Nature in romantic literature is moral; it bears symbolic meaning, and humans who challenge it with inadequate respect for the immanent power of the divine generally learn lessons in humility" who said that?

#### Virtual mentor

38- Who were these Romanticism writers?

\* they were a diverse group of individuals varying from different backgrounds and styles

\* one thing that they had in common was that they were all individualistic minded writers

39- "Young Goodman Brown"- "The Scarlet Letter"- "The House of Green Gables"-"one of the anti-romantics"

#### Nathaniel Hawthorne

40- "Narrative of Arthur Gordon Rym", "A Tell Tale Heart", "The Raven" were written by?

Edgar Allan Poe

41- Edgar Allan Poe was known for being the?

\* inventor of the American short stories

\* known for his Gothic writings

\* viewed the countryside as a phantasm or an illusionary mental image

42- "Rip Van Winkle", "Sleepy Hollow were written by?

Washington Irving

43- Washington Irving was known for?

\* the father of American Literature

\* saw the country as an escape from city life

\* fought for copyright infringement laws for authors

44- The controversial "Leaves of Grass", "Franklin Evans" were written by?

Walt Whitman

45- Walt Whitman was known for being?

One of the bridge poets between American Romanticism and the 20th century

46- " "Civil Disobedience" was written by?

Henry David Thoreau

47- Henry David Thoreau was?

A practical transcendentalist

48- "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written by?

Harriet Beecher Stowe

49- Harriet Beecher Stowe-"Uncle Tom's Cabin". <u>the little lady who</u> <u>started the Civil War</u> and kept European nations from aiding the .....in the Civil War?

The south

50- "The Last of the Mohicans" was written by?

James Fenimore Cooper

51- James Fenimore Cooper was known as?

The father of the American novel

52- Emily Dickinson- "is My verse...alive "

Was one of the bridge poets between?

American Romanticism and the 20th century

| Writer                       | What he's written  | What is he known for   |
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| Poe, Emerson,<br>Hawthorne & |  | For Romanticism<br>near perfect<br>representations   |
| Edgar Allan Poe              | "Narrative of Arthur<br>Gordon Rym"<br>A Tell Tale Heart", "The<br>"Raven"                         | Inventor of the American<br>short stories, known for<br>his Gothic writings, &<br>viewed the countryside as<br>a phantasm or an<br>.illusionary mental image |
| Emerson                      | "Self Reliance"<br>In his poem "Give All to<br>Love"<br>espouses the ideas of<br>Transcendentalism | He also talks of the<br>importance to trusting<br>oneself & giving oneself<br>over to the divine power<br>.of love   |
| Nathaniel<br>Hawthorne       | In his short stories   | these abstract qualities<br>take on a symbolic<br>meaning  |

| Nathaniel<br>Hawthorne   | one of the anti-romantics "The House of Green<br>Gables"<br>"Young Goodman Brown"<br>"The Scarlet Letter" |   |
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| Alymer                   | "The Birthmark" involved in achieving perfection that<br>he ended up killing his wife in the process      |   |
| Washington<br>Irving     | "Rip Van Winkle",<br>"Sleepy Hollow"  | Father of American<br>Literature, saw the<br>country as an escape from<br>city life, & fought for<br>copyright infringement<br>laws for authors |
| Walt Whitman             | <mark>the controversial</mark><br>"Leaves of Grass",<br>"Franklin Evans"                                  | One of the bridge poets<br>between American<br>Romanticism & the 20th<br>.century   |
| Henry David<br>Thoreau   | "Civil Disobedience"  | Practical transcendentalist   |
| Harriet Beecher<br>Stowe | "Uncle Tom's Cabin",<br>The little lady who<br>started the Civil War                                      | & kept European nations<br>from aiding the south in<br>the Civil War.   |
| James Fenimore<br>Cooper | The Last of the "<br>"Mohicans  | Father of the American<br>novel   |

| Emily     | "is My versealive" | one of the bridge poets<br>Between American<br>Romanticism & the 20th |
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| Dickinson |                    | century   |