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| **Romanticism likes…** | **Romanticism dislikes…** |
| -Right brained thinking  -Imagination / Creativity  -Passionate emotions (even fear, sadness)  -Nature and the natural world -Freedom (of body and mind)  -Being a self-creating Individual  -The common people   (all are unique, special) | -Left Brained thinking -Logic / Science and Math -Rationalism -Society and its technology -Limitations or laws -Being a follower of the crowd -The “powerful”, the “elites”  (who try to control others) |

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**I. Definition and Characteristics of Romanticism**   
Helpful hint: Romanticism doesn’t mean Romance like love. It comes from this definition of Romance:   
  
ROMANCE, noun:   
1. A literary depicting heroic or marvelous deeds, [romantic](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/romantic)  exploits, etc., usually in a historical or imaginary setting.   
  
-Romanticism is an artistic movement that began in the early 1800s in Europe,   
 which encompassed painters, thinkers and writers. Here is how one French poet defined it:  
  
“To say the word Romanticism is to say modern art - that is, intimacy, spirituality, color, aspiration towards the infinite, expressed by every means available to the arts. “ - [Charles Baudelaire](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/c/charlesbau403665.html)

Romanticists can be compared to …   
-Hippies: anti-materialistic nature lovers who don’t want to be told what to do by “the man  
 (Come up with four comparisons of your own to help you understand Romanticism)  
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**ROMANTICISM strongly influenced our culture, as seen in these common sayings:**   
-“Go with Your Gut”/ “Follow your Heart”:   
  
  
-“Dare to Dream”:   
  
  
-“Be Yourself”:   
  
  
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**II. Romanticism in America – Why did this style of writing become so popular here?**-The Romantic outlook on life appealed to America’s revolutionary spirit. Romantics are “rebels”   
 against society’s control over human experience.   
  
  
**ROMANTICISM AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**   
-How do Thomas Jefferson’s arguments foreshadow Romanticism? Point out the similarities between these quotes and the Romantic philosophy.   
  
“Sometimes) in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them…”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”  
  
“We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.”  
  
  
**IV. Romantic Writers**   
  
The Romantic approach to literature (poems, short stories, plays, novels) strongly valued three “I’s”:   
1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Free your mind. There are no more “rules” to art; you can create anything.   
2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Don’t write like someone else. Experiment, develop your own style. Express YOURSELF.   
3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Explore powerful emotions in your writing. Don’t be afraid to get dark, either, if that’s how you feel.   
  
Here are the Romantic writers you need to know:

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| Writers | Genre and Style | Works | Why is s/he Romanticist? |
| William Wordsworth | British Romantic poetry |  |  |
| Washington Irving | Early American Romanticism |  |  |
| Edgar Allan Poe | Dark Romanticism – poetry, short stories |  |  |
| Nathaniel Hawthorne | Dark Romanticism – short stories, novels | *The Scarlet Letter*  “Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment” |  |
| Herman Melville | Dark Romanticism - novels | Moby Dick |  |
| Emily Dickinson | Dark Romantic poetry |  |  |
| William Cullen Bryant | Nature-loving Romantic poetry |  |  |