

American Romanticism (p. 178-179)

1. In your own words, briefly explain the Industrial Revolution.
2. What two inventions changed the transportation industry?
3. What was the main difference in the economies of the North and of the South?
4. What was the Second Great Awakening?
5. During the Age of Reform, what were some things that the people tried to improve?
6. What was Romanticism?
7. Romantic writers valued _____ and _____ over _____ and _____.
8. What were their (Romantic writers) basic beliefs?
9. How did the Romantics feel about nature?
10. What is Gothic literature?
11. What are a few of the typical features of a gothic novel?

The Power of Darkness (p. 184-185)

1. How did Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville feel about Emerson?
2. On what was Hawthorne's fiction usually based?
3. For what topic did Melville become famous?
4. What was Melville's literary masterpiece?
5. The work of American Romantics recognized _____.
6. On what literary device did gothic horror and the work of the American Romantics focus?
7. Describe common plots of American Romantics.
8. Describe common character traits of American Romantics.
9. Describe common settings of American Romantics.
10. Who is considered the first American horror writer?
11. What were some of the common themes of his work?
12. How were Poe's views different than those of the Transcendentalists?
13. What type of fiction is Poe credited with inventing?

Washington Irving (p. 240)

1. The success of which series of essays led Irving away from practicing law to writing?
2. What was Irving's pseudonym? What's a pseudonym?
3. What is the title of the book that gained Irving fame in Europe?
4. Name the titles of two of Irving's classic short stories.
5. By what title was Irving eventually known?
6. Name two of the authors who were later influenced by Irving.

Nathaniel Hawthorne (p. 278)

1. How did Hawthorne's background influence his writing?
2. What were his stories that taught a moral principle called?
3. In what famous New England town (that we have studied) was Hawthorne born?
4. For how long did Hawthorne practice his craft?
5. What is the title of his failed novel?
6. What is the title of his successful collection of short stories?
7. What is the title of Hawthorne's masterpiece?
8. Which fellow author did Hawthorne share a "dark" view of life?
9. Explain what Hawthorne may have meant by describing his writing as "a neutral ground where the Actual and the Imaginary might meet".