

## Honors English II Final Exam Review

### Regionalism/Naturalism

- Country was going through a great transformation
- Literature turned from human potential and aspirations to actualities of America
- Focus was now on creating portrayals of “real life” as ordinary people lived it
- Also suggested that forces far more powerful than any individual shaped human destinies, and these forces are what really determined the lives of humans
  - Indifferent Nature
  - Blind fate
  - Heredity: also included was evolution and natural selection – Charles Darwin’s “The Origin of the Species” as published
  - Pure chance
- **Local Color Movement** began – this style emphasized separate parts of the country and writers began to feature characters and details unique to a particular geographic area

### Authors of Regionalism/Naturalism

- **E.A. Robinson**
  - Wrote “Richard Cory” and “Miniver Cheevy”
  - Grew up in Maine
  - Not very successful at first, but later became recognized as the greatest living American poet
- **Edgar Lee Masters**
  - Wrote “Lucinda Matlock” and “George Gray”
  - Known for his “Spoon River Anthology”
  - Wrote about fake characters in a fake town
- **Mark Twain**
  - “Boyhood Reminiscence”
  - Real name is Samuel Langhorne Clemens
  - Known for regional stories of local color
  - He also was a confederate soldier, printer, and silver miner, among other things
  - Famous for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Life on the Mississippi*
- **Ambrose Bierce**
  - People are fools
  - Wrote “An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge”
  - Moved off to Mexico
- **Jack London**
  - Born in San Francisco and had a very rough childhood
  - Ended schooling at 14 and moved to the Yukon to join the gold rush, but left less than a year later because of illness

- Known for Call of the Wild
- Died from Intentional Overdose
- **Stephen Crane**
  - Youngest of 14 Children
  - Life is not fair
  - Achieved fame after writing Red Badge of Courage
  - Died at 28 of TB

## **Modern Literature**

### **Authors of Modern Literature**

- **Flannery O' Connor**
  - Southern writer from Georgia
  - Known for sudden acts of violence and black humor
  - Devout Catholic
  - Grotesque characters
  - The Life You Save May Be Your Own
- **Katherine Anne Porter**
  - Born in Texas
  - Much of her work presented Southern women caught up in a web of custom and obligation
  - "The Jilting of Granny Withersall"
- **William Faulkner**
  - Spent most of his life in Oxford, Mississippi
  - Joined WWI, but the war ended before he saw any action
  - Viewed South as a nation with a noble past that clung to its pride in spite of Civil War defeat
  - "A Rose for Emily"
- **Ernest Hemingway**
  - Hemingway Style
  - Grace under pressure
  - Born in Oak Park Ill – 1899
  - Joined Red Cross Ambulance Corps
  - Married 4 times
  - 1961 – Commits Suicide
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## **Harlem Renaissance**

### **Authors of the Harlem Renaissance**

- **Countee Cullen**
  - "Tableau" and "Incident"
- **Langston Hughes**
  - "Harlem"

- **Claude McKay**
  - “America”
- **Zora Neale Hurston**
  - “Sweat”

## **Modern Poetry**

- 20<sup>th</sup> century living becomes complex – a world beyond control and understanding
- Experimental
- Walt Whitman and Emily Dickenson – forefront of modern poetry
- Inspired by French Symbolist Movement
- Feeling of Anxiety, Nature, and Human Relationships

## **Authors of Modern Poetry**

- **EE Cummings**
  - Influenced by Imagist Movement
  - Concerned with the look of the poetry
  - Avoids capital letters
  - Runs words together to make new words
  - Member of The Lost Generation
- **Robert Frost**
  - The New England Poet
  - Stayed with traditional forms
  - “Mending Wall” and “Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening”
- **Ezra Pound**
  - Spokesperson for the new poetic movement – Imagism
  - Supported Mussolini
  - Anti-Semitic
  - Declared Crazy
- **T.S. Elliot**
  - “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”
  - Well Educated
  - “The Wasteland” – Most famous poem
  - Member of the Lost Generation
  - 1948 – Nobel Prize for Literature
- **Carl Sandburg**
  - Famous for “Fog” and “Chicago”
  - Poet of the American Laborer
  - Plain Expression and Free Verse (no regular meter and rhyme)

Essay – The Life You Save May Be Your Own

Search for Meaning

Lucynell – Angel

Sign on Highway

Has failed to bring meaning into his life

He just wanders

Abandons Lucynell