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## VICTORIAN POETRY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TENNYSON AND BROWNING

He strove to set up a neo-classical ideal as against the Romantic. During the later years of this life, he suffered from an extreme case of short-sightedness, not allowing him to read or write. This is a fascinating text that will be of value to anyone with an interest in Victorian literature and the development of literary criticism.

### Tennyson as a Victorian Poet Essay

Three genres dominate the Victorian period, as the conditions of publishing, including the prominence of the periodical press, dramatically shaped the form of literature. Though they do not have much poetic merit, yet they all give expression to his resolute courage and faith.

### An Introduction to the Victorian Era

William Butler Yeats, Introduction to The Oxford Book of Modern Verse Oxford University Press, 1936. Now folds the lily all her sweetness up, And slips into the bosom of the lake.

### Consider Tennyson as the representative poet of the Victorian age

Since it covers a wide time span, the era has been divided into the early-Victorian period 1837-1851, the mid-Victorian period 1851-1875 and the late-Victorian period 1875-1901. Being a careful student of science and philosophy he was deeply impressed by the new discoveries and speculations which were undermining the orthodox religion and giving rise to all sorts of doubts and difficulties. In setting forth his spiritual troubles Arnold seeks first of all to achieve a true and adequate statement, devoid of all non-essential decorations.

### Alfred Tennyson

It must be understood that Tennyson was not another Ruskin.

### **Boadicea by Alfred Lord Tennyson**

Tho' the Roman eagle shadow thee, tho' the gathering enemy narrow thee, Thou shalt wax and he shall dwindle, thou shalt be the mighty one yet!  
Although he achieved great acclaim during his lifetime, there were always detractors.

### **Consider Tennyson as the representative poet of the Victorian age**

In 1827, Tennyson left home to follow his two brothers who attended Trinity College, Cambridge. Tennyson went to Cambridge where he met Arthur Henry Hallam whose early death was to prompt Tennyson to write his great elegy of mourning, In Memoriam.

### **Experimental Form in Victorian Poetry**

Playing upon two competing means of the term type, Tennyson parallels and contrasts the biological and the religious. In addition to treating the history of his nation, Tennyson also explores the mythological past, as articulated in classical works of Homer, Virgil, and Dante. Here he imagined the effect of the songs of a little working girl, strolling about during a holiday, on the destiny of the very different persons who hear them in turn.

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