Henry Wadsworth Longfellow concluded

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
This poem tells the story of Paul Revere's Ride - it made Paul Revere's name famous!

Packet on Poetry & Points of View in Literature

James Russell Lowell

His Life
- Lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts at family home Elmwood most of his life
- Took the Professorship of Modern Languages at Harvard previously held by H.W. Longfellow
- Later, he became the Minister to Spain - position formerly held by Washington Irving
- Then he became Minister to England

His Works
A Fable for Critics
- In this poem, Lowell gives a critique of many poets of his day.
- Our textbook includes only four of them.
- Lowell also lampooned Henry David Thoreau in verse quite harshly

The Courtin'
- This poem is an excerpt from the Biglow Papers.
- In the Biglow Papers, Lowell uses New England common dialect.

The Lesson
- Lowell uses nature to teach a lesson about man's pride

John Greenleaf Whittier

His Life
- A strong Quaker
- He was very poor as a child - he did not have much formal schooling
- He was extremely active as an abolitionist - He founded the American Anti-Slavery Society
- His works were highly political and full of social activism

His Works
Ichabod
- This poem expresses disappointment in Daniel Webster for his surprising position supporting the Compromise of 1850 that supported slavery in new territories

First-Day Thoughts
- First Day is Quaker word for Sunday...so the poem is about "Sunday Thoughts"

Oliver Wendell Holmes

His Life
- He wrote both poetry and prose as an aside to his medical career
- He studied modern medicine in France
- He was revolutionary in proposing the radical theory that diseases could be transmitted from patient to patient via the doctor

His Works
Old Ironsides
- Written in honor of the U.S.S. Constitution that was about to be dismantled
- His poem helped to save it! We can go visit it today!

The Chambered Nautilus