

NATURALISTS

First – we will finish up Samuel Clemens - Mark Twain

NATURALISM

Darwinism/Evolutionary Thinking in Literature

Features:

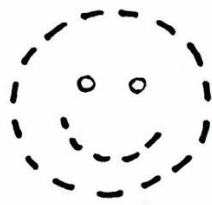
- Man’s behavior and actions are shaped by his **environment**.
- Men are caught in an indifferent and confusing universe of **chaos**.
- There is no force in the universe kindly disposed toward man.
- Men are **victims of fate** in the indifferent and confusing universe of chaos.
- Man’s natural condition is one of **helplessness** against the power of fate.
- Since man is helpless against fate, he is **not responsible** for his harmful actions.

“There is a flow to history and culture. This flow is rooted and has its wellspring in the thoughts of people. Most people catch their worldview from their family and surrounding society the way a child catches measles. But people with more understanding realize that their presuppositions should be **chosen** after a careful consideration of what world view is true.”

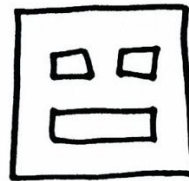
-Dr. Francis Schaeffer



Early American



Romantic



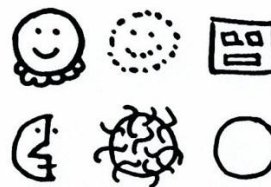
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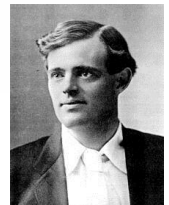
Naturalism



Modern



Post-Modern



STEPHEN CRANE

Poems

- “A Man Said to the Universe”
- “I Saw a Man Pursuing the Horizon”
- “God Fashioned the Ship of the World”

Short Stories

- “The Open Boat” – Best Known
- “The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky”

Novels

- *Maggie: A Girls of the Streets* – First Novel
- *The Red Badge of Courage*



JACK LONDON

Remembered most for his adventure stories about dogs

Short Stories

- “The Law of Life”

Novels

- *The Call of the Wild*

FRANK NORRIS

Benjamin Franklin Norris

Inspired by Emile Zola – a French Realist

Novels

- *The Octopus*

