

what happen in Romantic Period?

Historical Background:

- The revolt by the English colonies in America against the Economic and Political control of the mother country.
- French Revolution 1789. French men had changed a war of self-defence for one of conquest, losing sight of all which they had struggled for.
- The Industrial Revolution; the shift during the 18th and 19th centuries from hand labour to new methods of manufacturing made by power-driven machines - James Watt perfected the steam engine in 1765.
- Colonial expansion. In 1805 after the Battle of Trafalgar England became the undisputed master of the seas and in control of the ^{most} ~~most~~ of the world's commerce.

* The First Generation of English Romantics

William Wordsworth - S. T. Coleridge

* The Second Generation of English Romantics

Lord Byron - John Keats - Percy Shelley.

Normal language should be simple

Principles of writing Poetry according to William Wordsworth

- The language of Poetry should be the language of ordinary men and women
- The interest in Nature as the great teacher of morals and the first bringer of happiness.

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