

Modernism: Introduction and historical Background

- The literary movement called Modernism started in 1908 and continued up to the 1960s of the 20th century. It rejected Romantic ideas preferring a more realistic, hard core portrayal of reality.

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- It grew out of the philosophical, scientific, political, and ideological shifts that followed the Industrial Revolution and scientific progress through the shock of World War I, and its aftermath.

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Modern writers broke with the past and rejected literary traditions that seemed outmoded.

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They also rejected diction that seemed too genteel to suit an era of technological breakthroughs and global.

Factors behind the Emergence of Modernity

The death of the last two great Victorian Poets:
Meredith and Swinburne who both died in 1904.

- The Translation of Arthur Symon's book *The Symbolist Movement in Literature*

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The Revolution in art and music. The expressionist Exhibition and the performance of Russian Ballet group in London triggered a revolution in change and readiness to embrace difference.

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- **The foreign Influences represented by**
 - a. American Influence: Ezra Pound and T.S. Eliot**
 - b. British influences: W.B. Yeats , D. H. Lawrence, etc.**

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Turbulent political situations represented by the various ideological camps: Fascism, Nazism, Communism, the Bolshevik Revolution, and the outbreak of the first world war in 1914.