

Definitions

Decadence civilization was now characterized by the overly refined excesses of an elite class or eccentric geniuses

Degeneration reversion to a state of lesser complexity on the part of an individual, species, society, or nation.

The New Woman The "new woman" redefines what it means to be a woman; enters new areas of education and employment; demanding rights of citizenship; challenging the dominant social idea that women are inferior to men

Laughter and Capitulation Think about the role of laughter: a shift made to understand humour about something, to capitulate into laughing at that thing; in this case, aristocratic snobbery

Colonialism vs Imperialism imperialism involved the practice, the theory and the attitudes of a dominating metropolitan center ruling a distant territory, while colonialism refers to the implanting of settlements on a distant territory.

Definitions (cont)

Macaulay's Minute on Education Desire to stray away from traditional Indian education system Focus more on Western forms/styles of education i.e. poetry of Milton, metaphysics of Locke & physics of Newton What is meant by "literature" and "-learned natives"? Value of Language Superiority of English

Scramble for Africa The Scramble for Africa (or the Race for Africa) was the proliferation of conflicting European claims to African territory during the New Imperialism period, between the 1880s and the start of World War I.

Tropes of Travel Literature impressions and experiences, including his often strongly expressed opinions of the customs, cities, food arrangements for travelers, and political and religious institutions of the places he visited

Definitions (cont)

Reading culture Novels were often serialized in monthly parts, making them more easily accessible and shared. Weekly or monthly segments often ended on a "cliff-hanger." Novels were thought to corrupt the working classes by giving them ideas above their station or encouraging them to emulate the life of fictional criminals.

Domesticity home or family life, an essential part of Victorian living.

Motherhood Link to Queen Victoria (the mother of England).

Capital and Capitalism Capitalism is an economic system and an ideology based on private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

Marriage and Marriage Laws Under the law the married couple became one entity where the husband would represent this entity, placing him in control of all property, earnings and money.



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Definitions (cont)

Detective Fiction	changes in policing, both locally and globally, and the cultural discomfort that surrounded those changes. The public increasingly perceived military engagement across the globe as unsettling, and transformations of policing at home occurred as well.
Romantic Period (1st and 2nd generation)	a movement in the arts and literature that originated in the late 18th century, emphasizing inspiration, subjectivity, and the primacy of the individual. Second Gen - passion and emotion, incorporating so much more into intuitive thought, the supernatural, and exotic, greatly influence, also, by classical Greek and Roman literature. First Gen - saw the transition in France from pre-revolution, revolution, Napoleon
French Revolution	beginning of a change in the current ways of society and helping to improve the lives of the oppressed.

Definitions (cont)

Obeah	a system of belief among blacks chiefly of the British West Indies and the Guianas that is characterized by the use of magic ritual to ward off misfortune or to cause harm.
The Gothic	Considered trashy, Austen mocks the gothic characteristics (a fear of all that is foreign, unfamiliar to an English sensibility).
The Educational Novel	Revolve around the entry of a young, middle-class, well-bred person into society. Gendered differences – male characters go off to school and make a name for themselves. Women characters have to navigate courtship before making a good choice
Iamb	one short (or unstressed) syllable followed by one long (or stressed) syllable.
Trochee	one long or stressed syllable followed by one short or unstressed syllable.
Spondee	two long (or stressed) syllables.
Pyrrhic	two short or unaccented syllables.

Definitions (cont)

Enjambment	continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line
Caesura	a break between words within a metrical foot
The Sublime	Longinus - noble literature, elevating. Burke - how text personally impacts the reader, terror Wordsworth - nature is a key element, immersion in terror and beauty
Peterloo Massacre	The Peterloo Massacre occurred at St Peter's Field, Manchester, England, on 16 August 1819, when cavalry charged into a crowd of 60,000–80,000 who had gathered to demand the reform of parliamentary representation.
Masque	Dramatique entertainment, practiced by nobility.
Chartism	closing the gap between working class and wealthy, argued for suffrage for men over 21 with "moral influence" shift in social awareness of class conditions.

Definitions (cont)

Workhouses	Prisons, symbols of tyranny. People would live here when poor. Shamed, loss of dignity, hard labour.
Sentimentalism	Emotions, tears, crying, attempts to convince reader through emotion rather than reason.
The Great Exhibition of 1851	Showcase of power, control, importance of Britain, Wealthy were educating the working class. An Ideological investment in empire and industry.

Authors

Mary Wollstonecraft	Vindication of the Rights of Women
Maria Edgeworth	The Grateful Negro
Jane Austen	Northanger Abbey
Lord Byron	Darkness, Prometheus
Percy Shelley	The Mass of Anarchy
John Keats	The Fall of Hyperion
Barrett Browning	The Cry of the Children
Friedrich Engels	The Conditions of the Working Class
Prince Albert	Speech Delivered at the Lord Mayors Banquet
Charles Dickens	The Nobel Savage, Dombey and Son
Thomas Carlyle	Occasional Discourse on the Negro Question
John Stuart Mill	The Negro Question
Frances Power Cobbe	Criminals, Idiots, Women and Minors
William Booth	In Darkest England

Authors (cont)

Mary Elizabeth Braddon	Lady Audley's Secret
Henry Stanley	Why Darkest England
Mary Kingsley	Travels in West Africa
Rudyard Kipling	The Man Who Would Be King
Oscar Wilde	The Importance of Being Ernest
Joseph Conrad	Heart of Darkness

Topics

First Generation Romanticism
Second Generation Romanticism
Early Victorian Social Reform
Mid Victorian Domesticity and Otherness
Capital
Angels and Fallen Women
Imperial Expansion and Manly Identities
Decadence and Degeneration
Imperial Reflections

Essay Themes + Texts

Marriage	Northanger Abbey, Vindication
Slavery	Grateful Negro, Noble Savage
Imperialism	The Man Who Would be King
Class	Speech Prince Albert, Great Exhibition
Victorianism	Lady Audley's Secret
Romanticism	Northanger Abbey
Detective Fiction	Lady Audley's Secret
Serial Fiction	Dombey and Son,
Sensational Novel	Lady Audley's Secret
Educational Novel	Northanger Abbey
Apocalypse	Prometheus, Darkness
Social Reform	The Cry of the children, Conditions of the Working class
Childhood	Florence in Dombey and Son.



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