

Authors



American Romanticism

1800-1860

Washington Irving

Multiple Personalities??



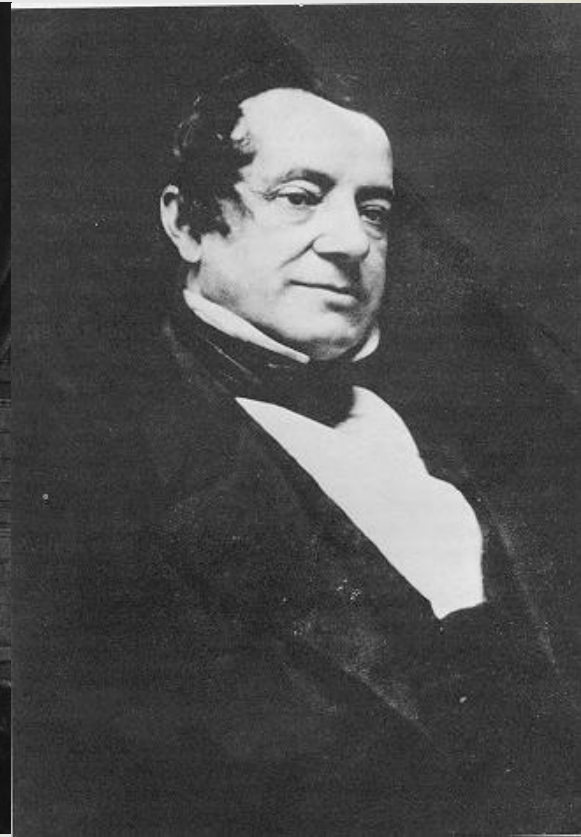
Jonathan Old style Gent



Diedrich Knickerbocker



Geoffrey Crayon



Washington Irving was born on April 3, 1783
in New York City, New York, USA.

-He was one of eleven children

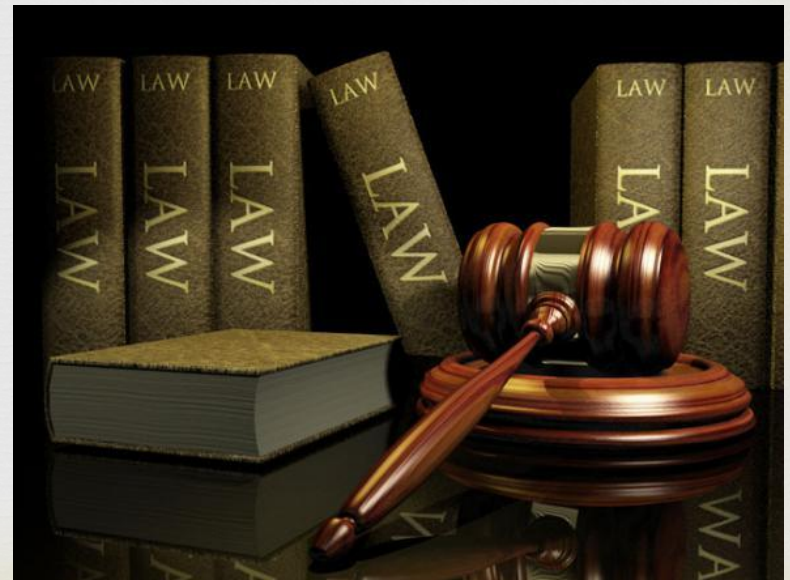
-Parents were Scottish-English immigrants, William Irving
Sr. and Sarah.

-He was named Washington after George Washington and
attended the first presidential inauguration of his namesake
in 1789.



Education

- Washington Irving was educated privately, studied law, and began to write essays for periodicals.
- He travelled in France and Italy (1804–1806) and wrote and published whimsical journals and letters.
- He returned to New York City to practice law -- though by his own admission, he was not a good student, and in 1806, he barely passed the bar.



Travel and Work

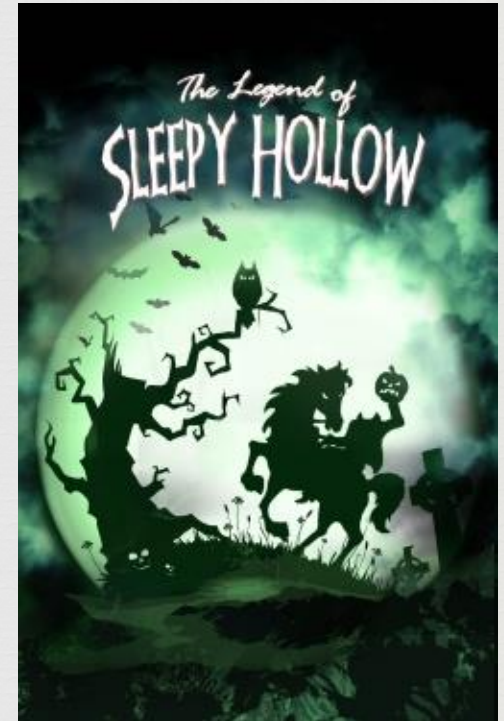
-In 1815 Irving went to England to work for his brothers' business, and when that failed he composed a collection of stories and essays that became *The Sketch Book*, published under the name "Geoffrey Crayon" (1819-20), which included 'Rip Van Winkle' and 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'.

-In 1822 he went to the Continent, living in Germany and France for several years, and was then in Spain (1826) and became attaché at the US embassy in Madrid.

-He was secretary of the US legation in London (1829-32), and later returned to Spain as the US ambassador (1842-6)

Most Successful and Popular Works “Rip Van Winkle” and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

Considered a Failure
But is Popular Today
“The Devil and Tom Walker”



Marriage

Washington Irving was engaged to marry Matilda Hoffmann, who died on April 26, 1809 at the age of 17. Irving never again engaged, or married anyone, after that tragic love. In response to an inquiry about why he

had never married, Irving wrote, saying:

"For years I could not talk on the subject of this hopeless regret; I could not even mention her name; but her image was continually before me, and I dreamt of her incessantly."

Irving never had children.



Washington Irving died in Tarrytown, New York November 28, 1859

He seemed to foretell his death, as he said before going to bed: "Well, I must arrange my pillows for another weary night! If this could only end!" Irving was buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.



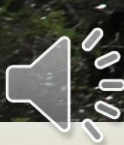
Disney and Sleepy Hollow



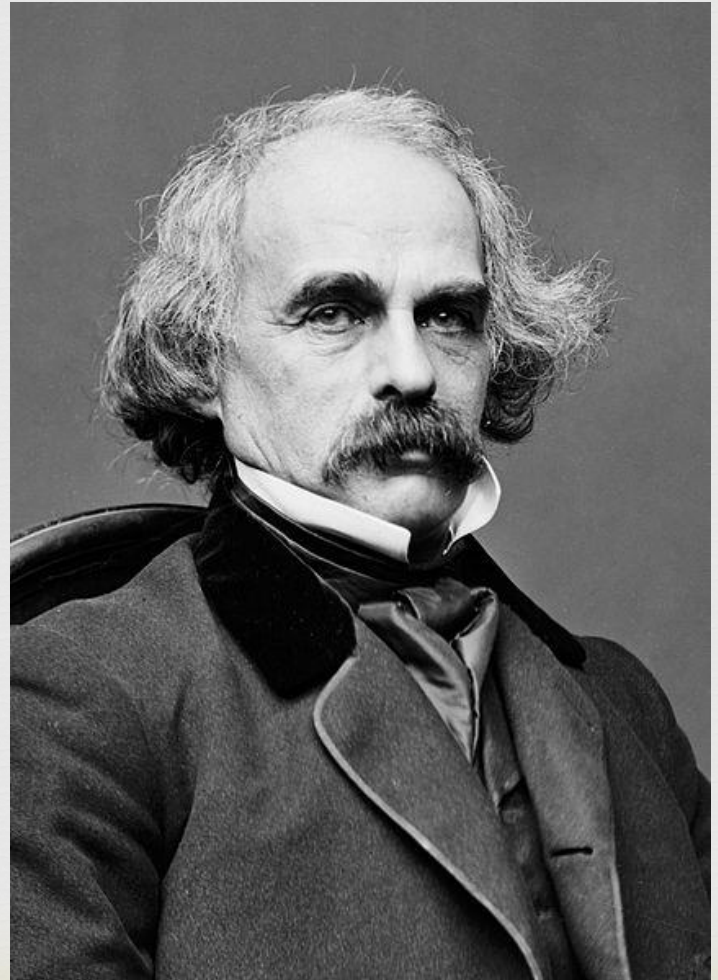
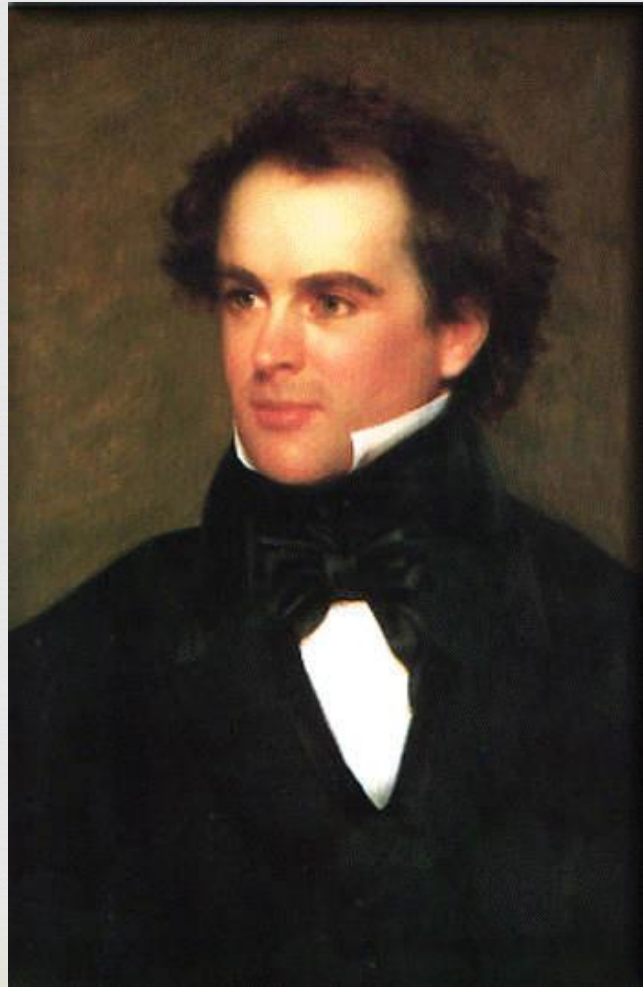
The Real Sleepy Hollow



The Devil and Tom Walker



Nathaniel Hawthorne



He was born on July 4, 1804 in Salem Massachusetts



Parents: Nathaniel Hathorne
and Elizabeth Clark Manning Hathorne

His great-great grandfather was John Hathorne, judge of the Salem Witch Trials. John Hathorne was the only judge involved in the trials to never repent for his actions or his involvement.

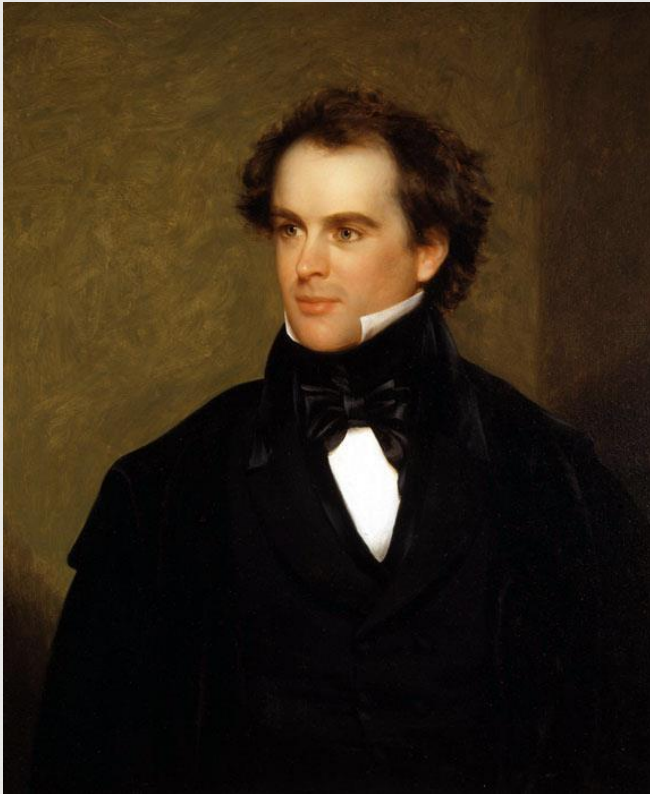
Picture of
John
Hathorne
from the film
version of
The Crucible.



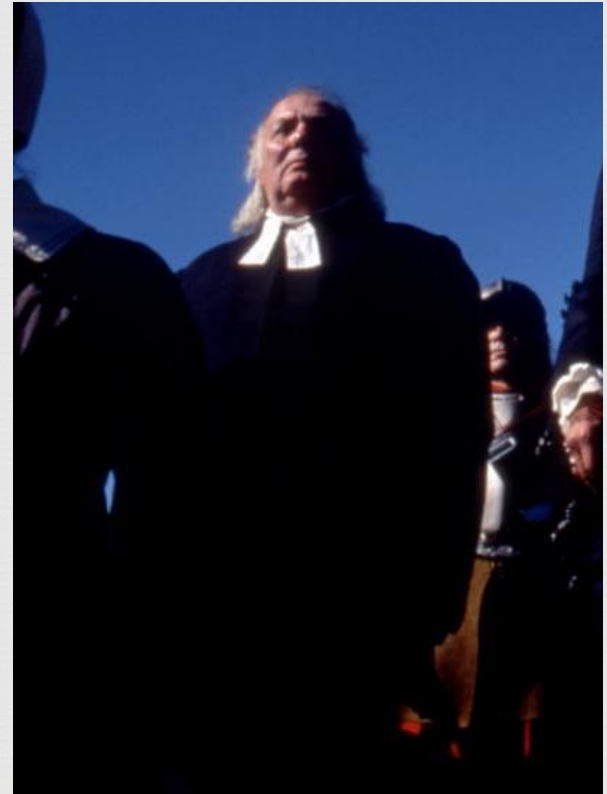
Give Me a “W”

Nathaniel was so embarrassed and ashamed of his great-great grandfather that he added a “W” to his last name so people wouldn’t associate him to his ancestor.

Nathaniel Ha**w**thorne



John Hathorne





Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Maine
Graduated in 1825

“I was educated (as the phrase is) at Bowdoin College. I was an idle student, negligent of college rules and the Procrustean details of academic life, rather choosing to nurse my own fancies than to dig into Greek roots and be numbered among the learned Thebans.”



Friends and Associates

While Nathaniel Hawthorne knew and associated with many literary giants from his day. These three played a significant part in his life:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Herman Melville

He was so respected as an author that one of the greatest epic novels written in the English language is dedicated to Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Dedication of *Moby-Dick*

IN TOKEN OF MY ADMIRATION FOR HIS GENIUS, THIS BOOK IS
INSCRIBED TO NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

Sophia Peabody Hawthorne



Married: July 9 1842

Small ceremony held in her parents
parlor in Boston

Of his wife, whom he referred to as his "Dove", Hawthorne wrote that she "is, in the strictest sense, my sole companion; and I need no other – there is no vacancy in my mind, any more than in my heart... Thank God that I suffice for her boundless heart!"

Children of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne



Una (daughter) Born March 3, 1844

Julian (son) Born June 22, 1846

Rose (daughter) Born May 20, 1855

Short Stories

With over 40 short stories to his name and many of them very successful and well liked, it is hard to pick just a few. I think most scholars would agree that these four are at the top of the list:

Rappaccini's Daughter

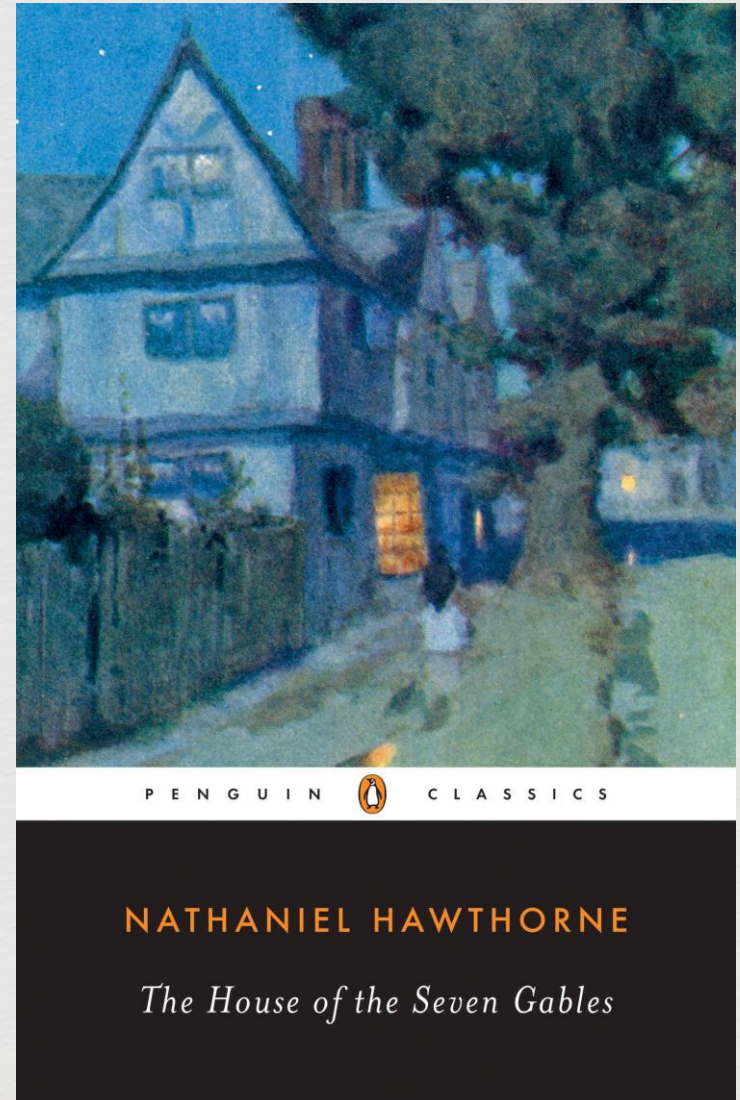
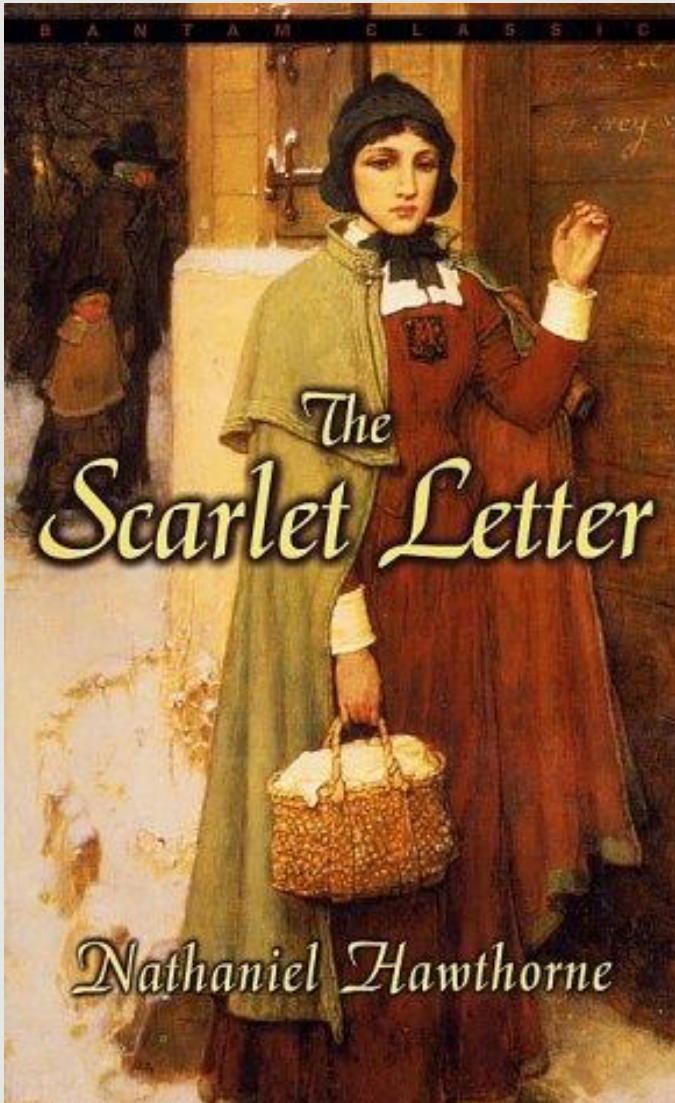
Young Goodman Brown

Dr. Heidegger's Experiment

The Minister's Black Veil

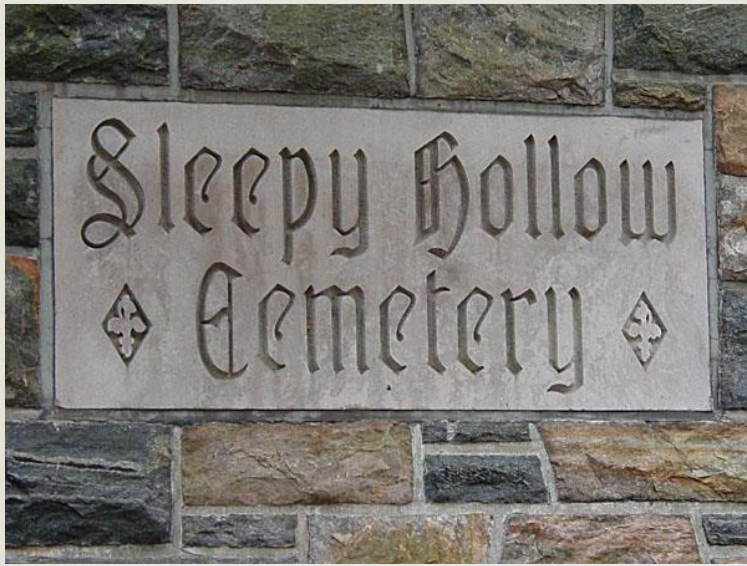
Novels

He wrote 8 novels. His two most famous novels are:
The Scarlet Letter (1850) and *The House of the Seven Gables* (1851)

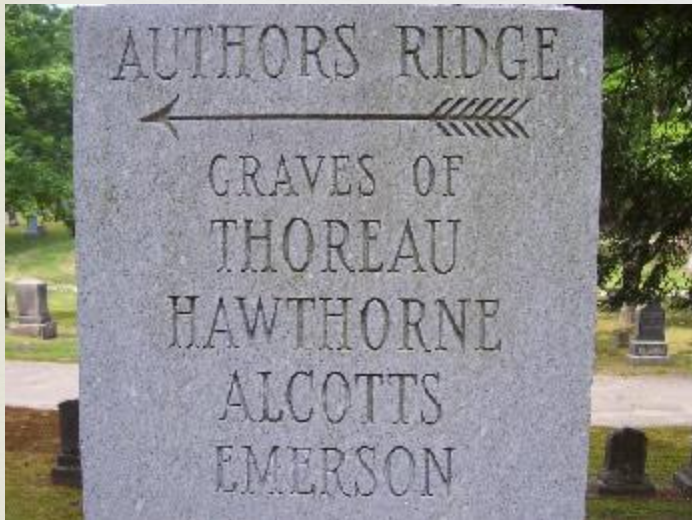


The Scarlet Letter





In Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, there is a small hill named Authors Ridge. Many American authors especially from the Romantic Period are buried here.



Died May 19, 1864



Ralph Waldo Emerson



"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Born in Boston Massachusetts on May 25, 1803

His father was Rev. William Emerson, a Unitarian minister

His mother was Ruth Haskins



He graduated from Harvard University
& the Harvard School of Divinity in 1821.

He was licensed as a minister in 1826
and ordained to the Unitarian church in 1829.



Emerson married Ellen Tucker in 1829. When she died of tuberculosis in 1831, he was grief-stricken.

Her death, added to his own recent crisis of faith, and caused him to resign from the clergy.



Once again a bachelor, he quit his religion and his job as pastor. He began to write and travel. In 1833, he travels to England and meets many of the great Romantic writers there including: Woodworth, Coleridge, and Carlyle.





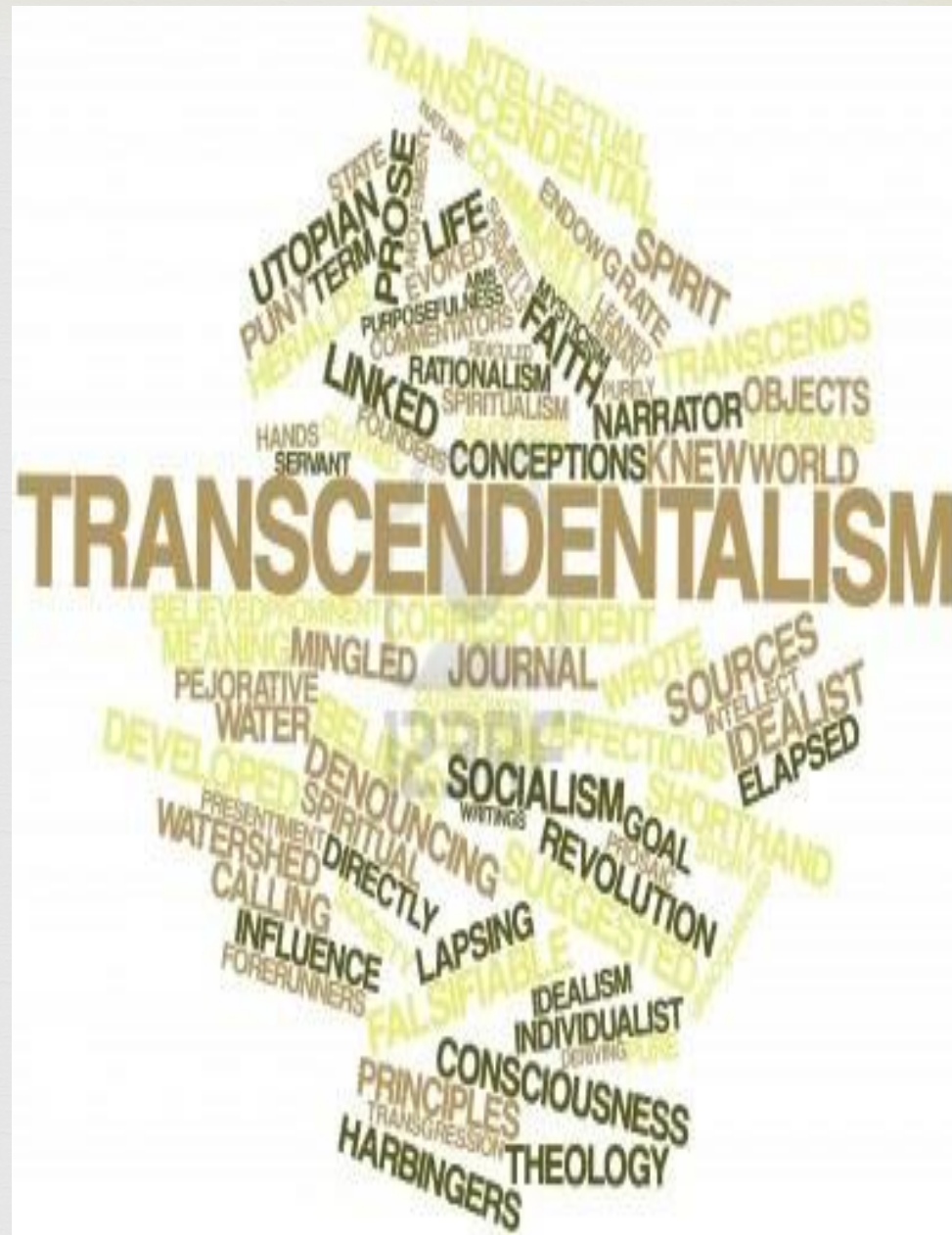
Poet, Essayist, and Philosopher

“I am born a poet, of a low class without doubt, yet a poet. That is my nature and vocation.”

He led the Transcendentalist Movement:

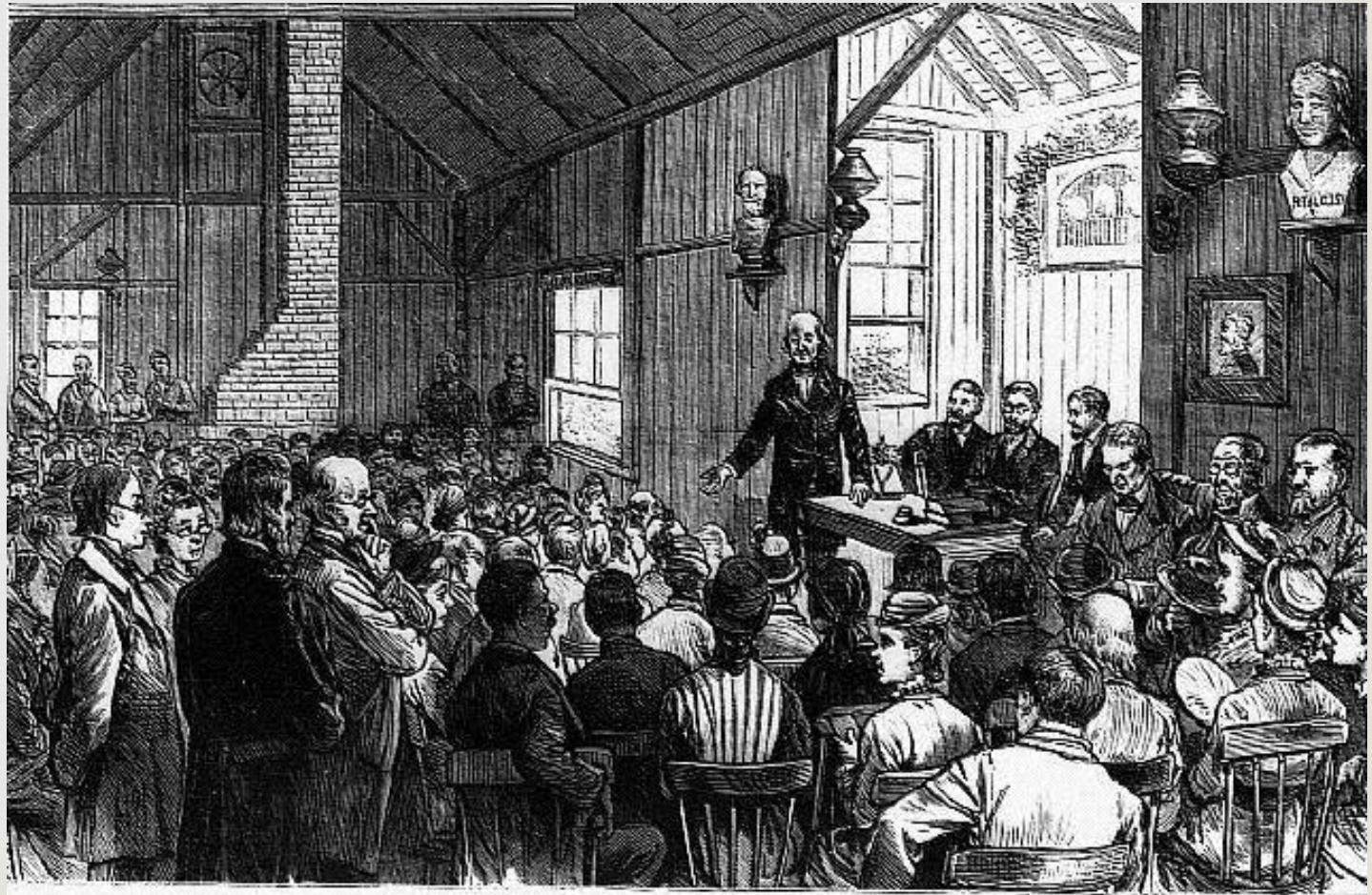
People, men and women equally, have knowledge about themselves and the world around them that "transcends" or goes beyond what they can see, hear, taste, touch or feel.

People can trust themselves to be their own authority on what is right. A transcendentalist is a person who accepts these ideas not as religious beliefs but as a way of understanding life relationships.



Lecturer:

To promote his ideas and writing, Emerson would go on speaking tours. He was very popular and would sell-out at each venue. He gave over 1500 lectures.



RALPH WALDO EMERSON.—THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE CHAPEL, ORCHARD GROUNDS, CONCORD.—SEE PAGE 101.

Essays:

Nature

Self-Reliance

Poems:

"The Concord Hymn" (1837)

"Poet"

"The Humble-Bee"

"Uriel"

"Give All to Love"

"Boston Hymn" (1863)

Married Lydia Jackson in September 14th 1835
in Plymouth MA.



Concord Massachusetts



Waldo and Lidian Emerson had four children:

-Waldo, born in 1836

-Ellen, born in 1839 and named by Lidian for her husband's first wife

-Edith, born in 1841

-Edward Waldo, born in 1844



He died on April 27, 1882. Emerson is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery



Edgar Allan Poe



“Men have called me mad; but the question is not yet settled, whether madness is or is not the loftiest intelligence.”

Born January 19, 1809 in Boston, MA

Parents were both actors.

Father- David Poe, Jr.

Mother- Elizabeth Arnold Hopkins Poe.

Raised by
John Allan
and his wife,
Frances.



Lives in England from 1815-1820 studies in schools there.

In 1820 they move back to Virginia.

"This institution of my native State, the hobby of my old age, will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind, to explore and to expose every subject susceptible of its contemplation."
One Kolanda Thomas Jefferson, 1820



In 1826, attends the new University of Virginia.

Studies ancient and modern languages.

Completes one-year and quits.

Before going to the University, Poe was engaged to Sarah Elmira Royster.

Poe lost touch with Sarah.

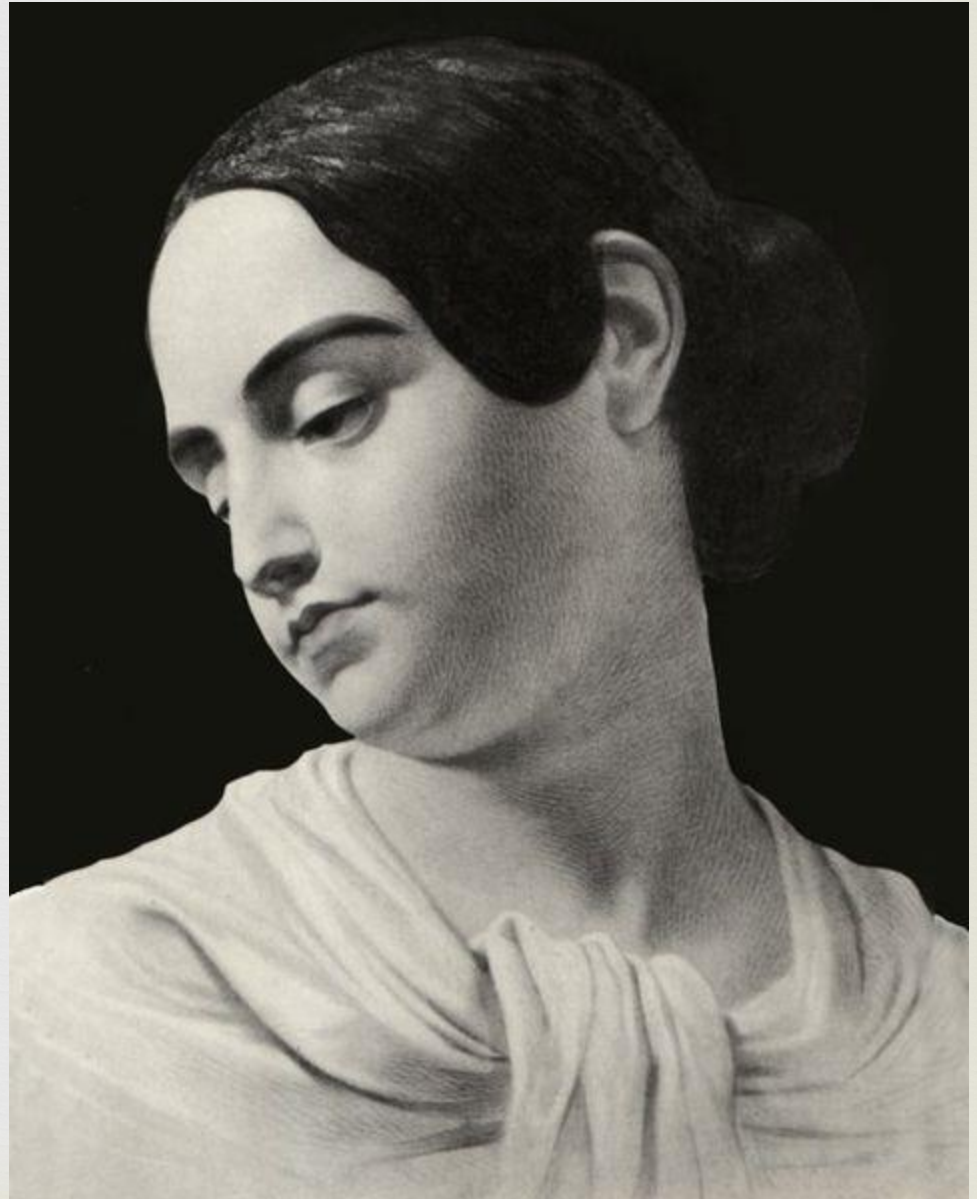
When he left the University, he learned that she had married Alexander Shelton, and so he didn't return to Richmond.



At age 27, Poe married his 13-year old cousin, Virginia Clemm.

They were married for 11 years.

She had what was known as tuberculosis for 5 years until she died. Poe began to drink more heavily through her illness, he was also inspired, writing some interesting, dark stories while she was dying.



A year after Virginia's death. Poe and Sarah Elmira Royster meet again.

They once again become engaged, but Poe died before they were married.



EDGAR ALLAN POE

THE RAVEN



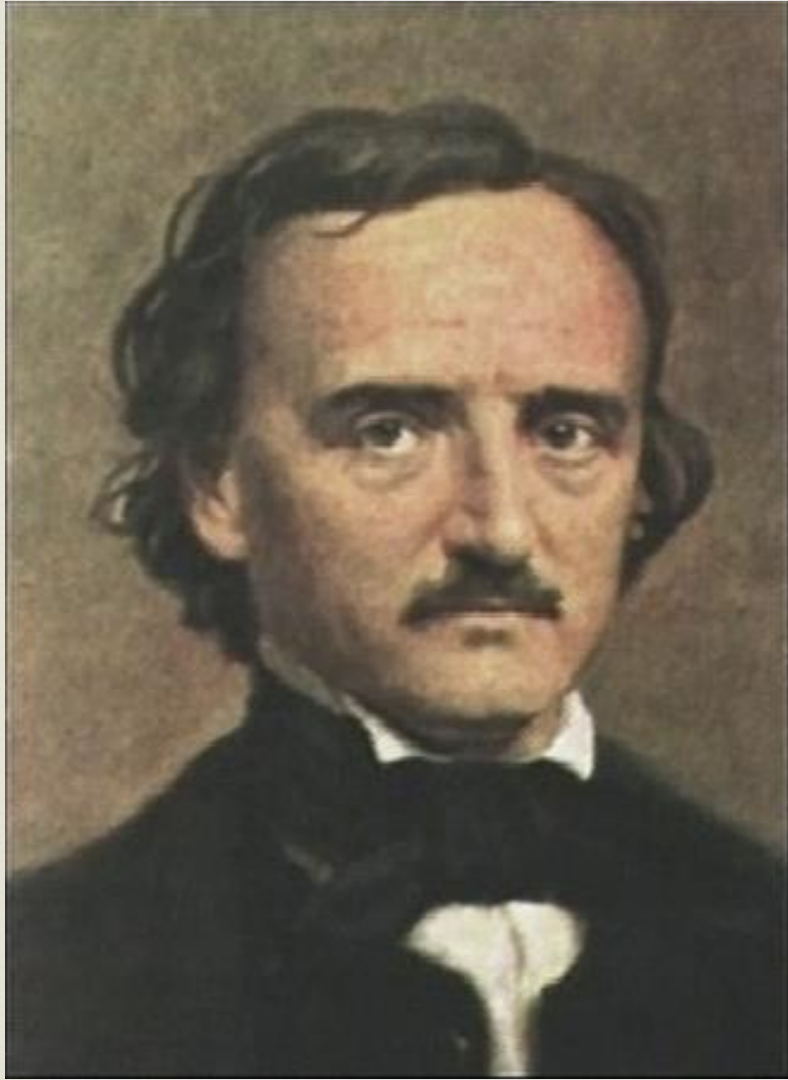
His most famous work:
The Raven

Published in: 1845

It was an instant
success.

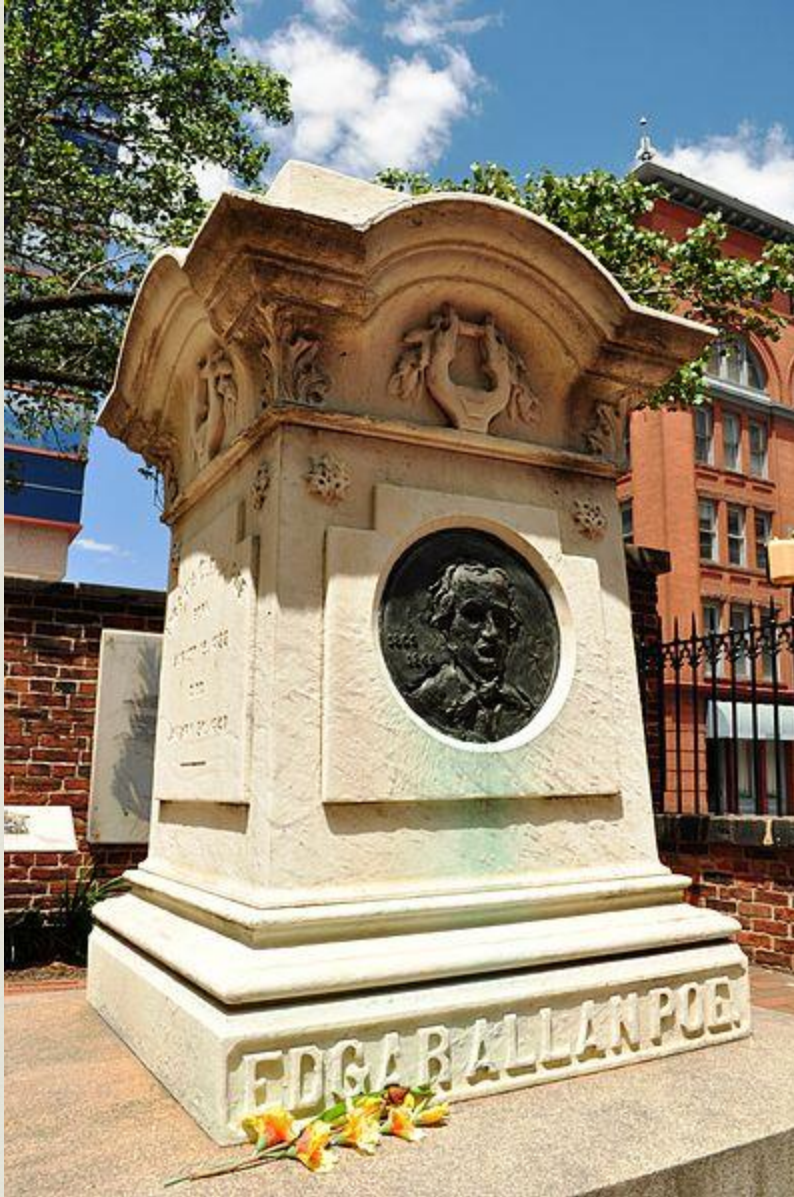
Other notable works:

- The Masque of the Red Death
- The Fall of the House of Usher
- The Tell-Tale Heart
- The Pit and the Pendulum
- The Cask of Amontillado



Once he decided to
be an author:

He is credited with
being the first author
in America, to make
a living on just his
writing and no other
supplemental
income.



Died on October 7, 1849

He is buried on the grounds of Westminster Hall and Burying Ground, now part of the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore.

Henry David Thoreau



He was born on July 12, 1817
Concord, Massachusetts
On the family farm



He attended Harvard College and stayed in Hollis Hall (shown).

He had to take a break from college due to illness.

He returned and finished his degree.



He graduated in 1837 with a Bachelor's degree.
He also qualified for a Master's degree.
He refused to pay the \$5 fee for either diploma.



Ralph Waldo Emerson became close friends with Thoreau.

- Encouraged his writing.

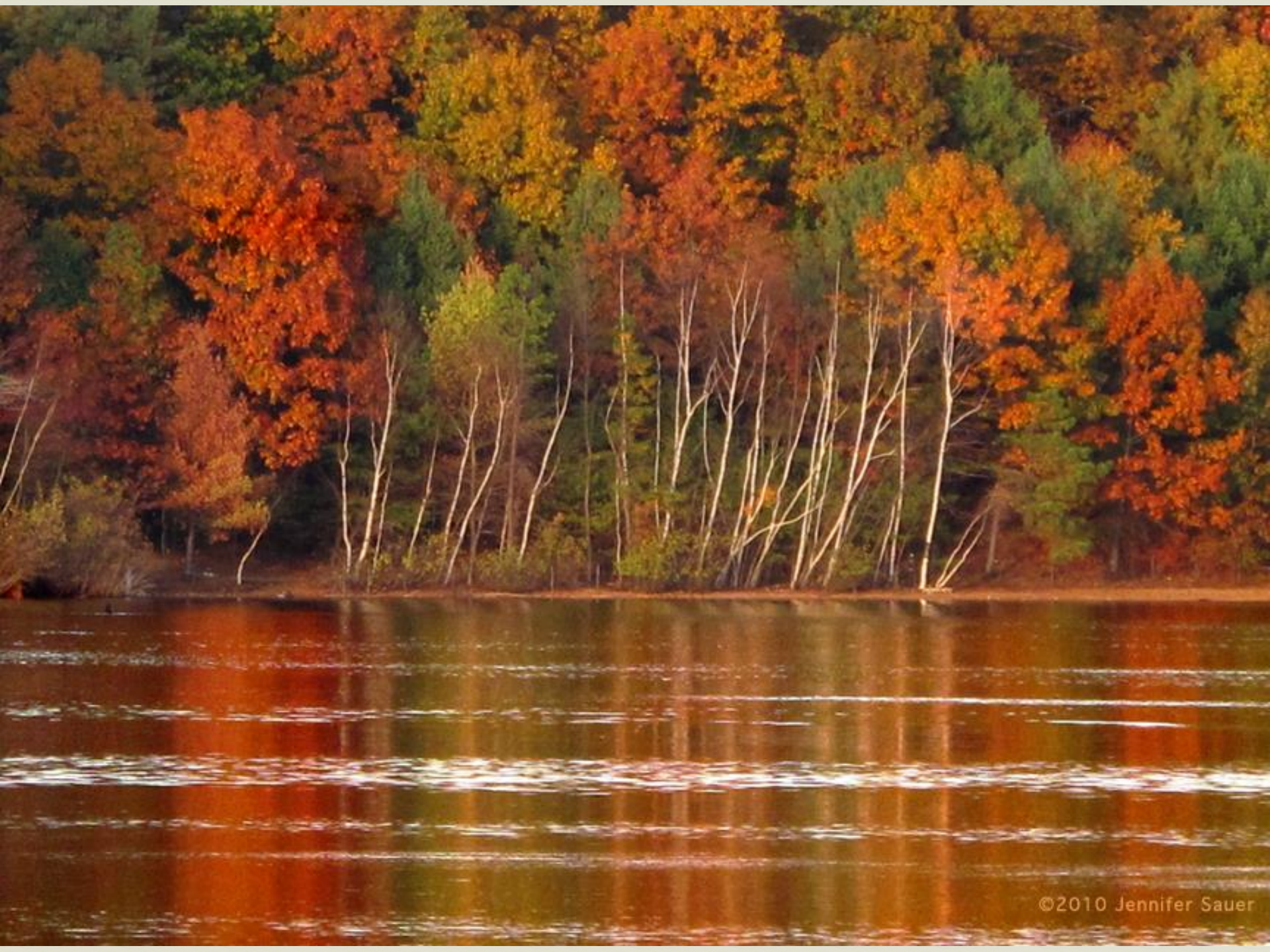
- Published some of his first works.

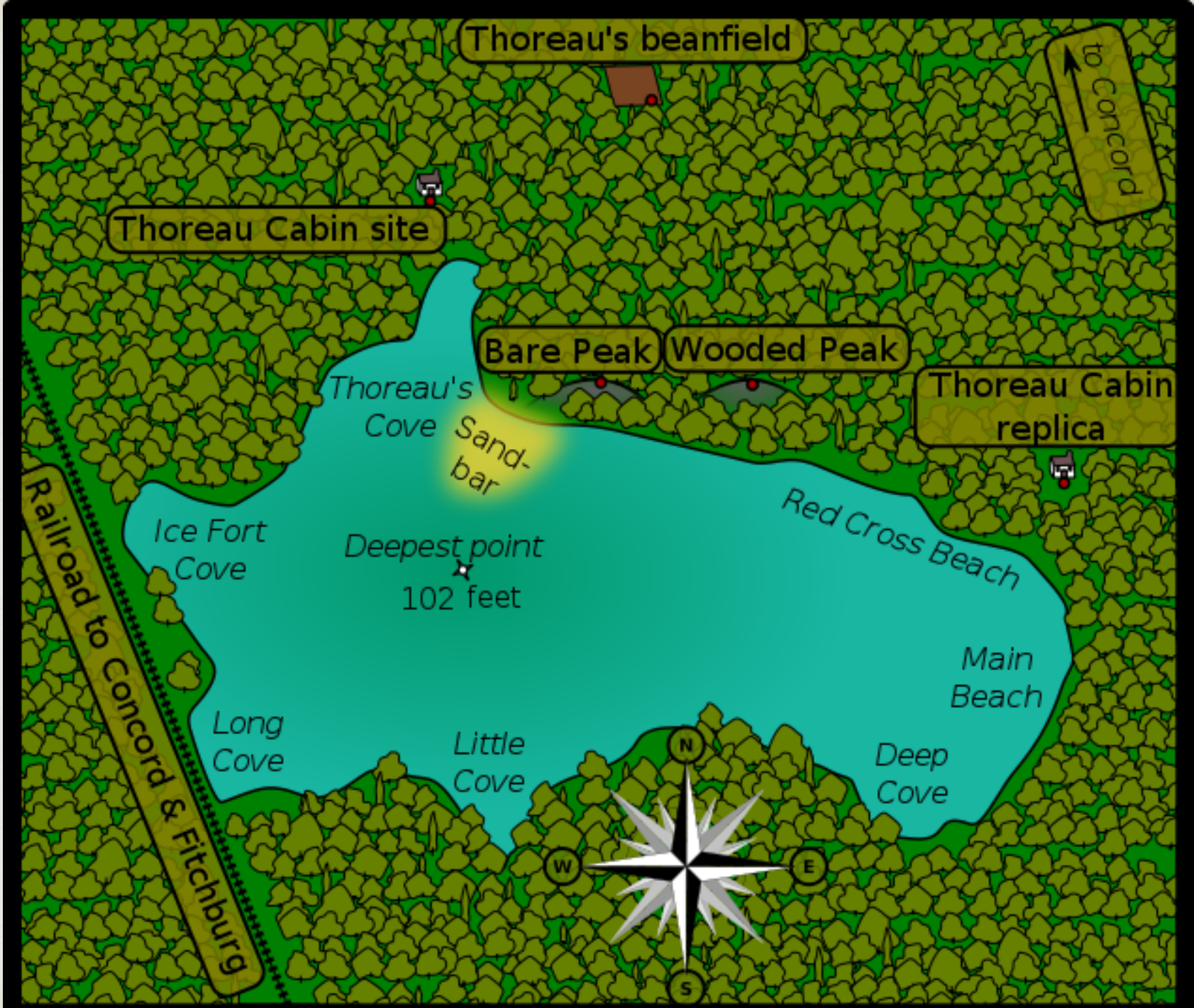
- Gave him a job helping to take care of the Emerson home in exchange for room and board.

- Introduced him to Literary greats.

- Introduced him to the Transcendentalist movement

- Allowed him to build a cabin at Walden Pond.



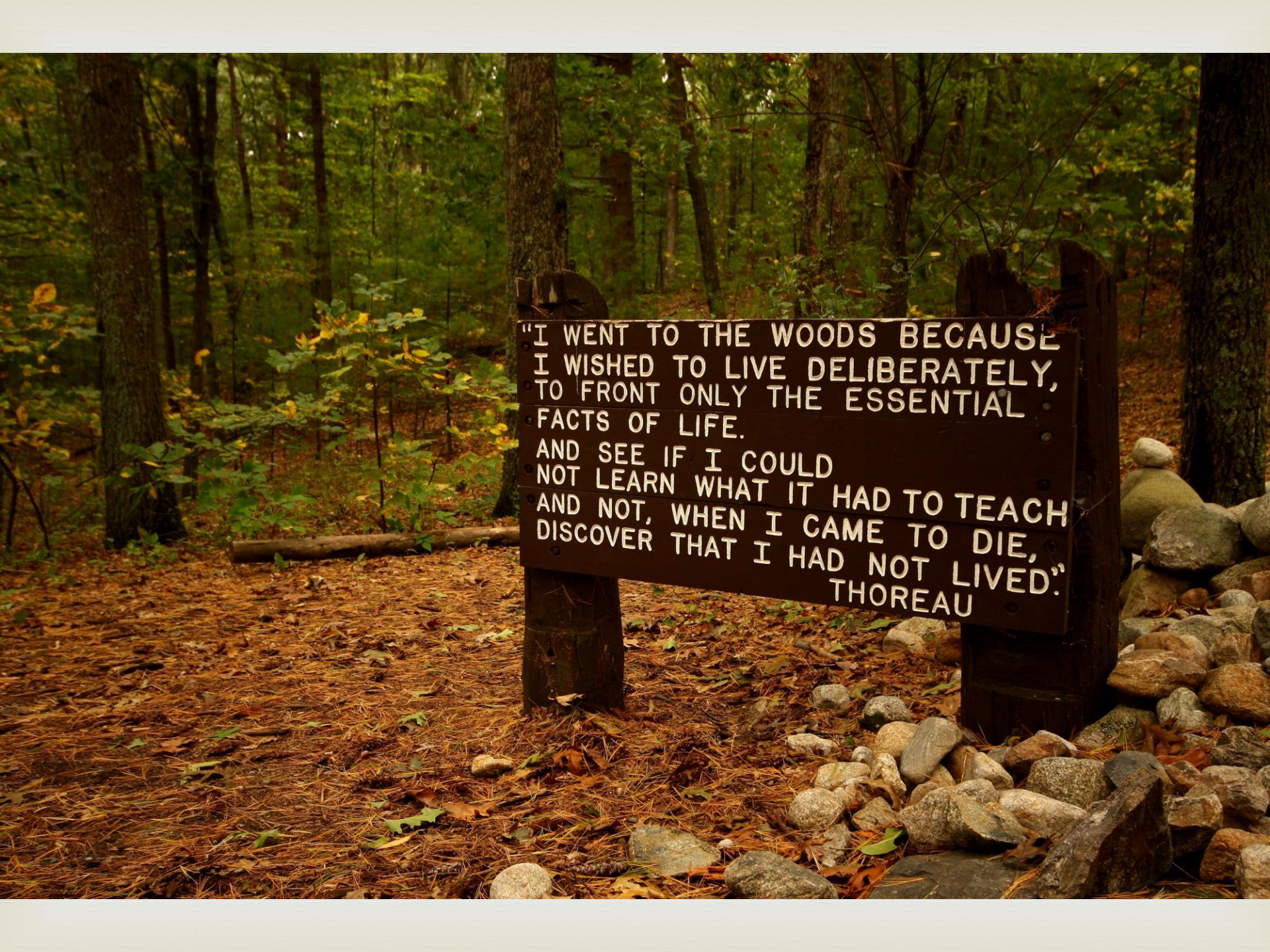


Tour of Walden Pond







A wooden sign is mounted on two vertical posts in a forest. The sign is made of dark wood and has white text. The text is a quote by Henry David Thoreau. The forest floor is covered with pine needles and some rocks. The background shows many trees with green and some yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting.

"I WENT TO THE WOODS BECAUSE
I WISHED TO LIVE DELIBERATELY,
TO FRONT ONLY THE ESSENTIAL
FACTS OF LIFE.
AND SEE IF I COULD
NOT LEARN WHAT IT HAD TO TEACH
AND NOT, WHEN I CAME TO DIE,
DISCOVER THAT I HAD NOT LIVED."
THOREAU

WALDEN;
OR,
LIFE IN THE WOODS.

By HENRY D. THOREAU,
AUTHOR OF "A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS."



I do not propose to write an ode to dejection, but to brag as lustily as chanticleer in the morning, standing on his roost, if only to wake my neighbors up. — Page 92.

BOSTON:
TICKNOR AND FIELDS.
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While there he writes
about his time living a
simple life out in nature.

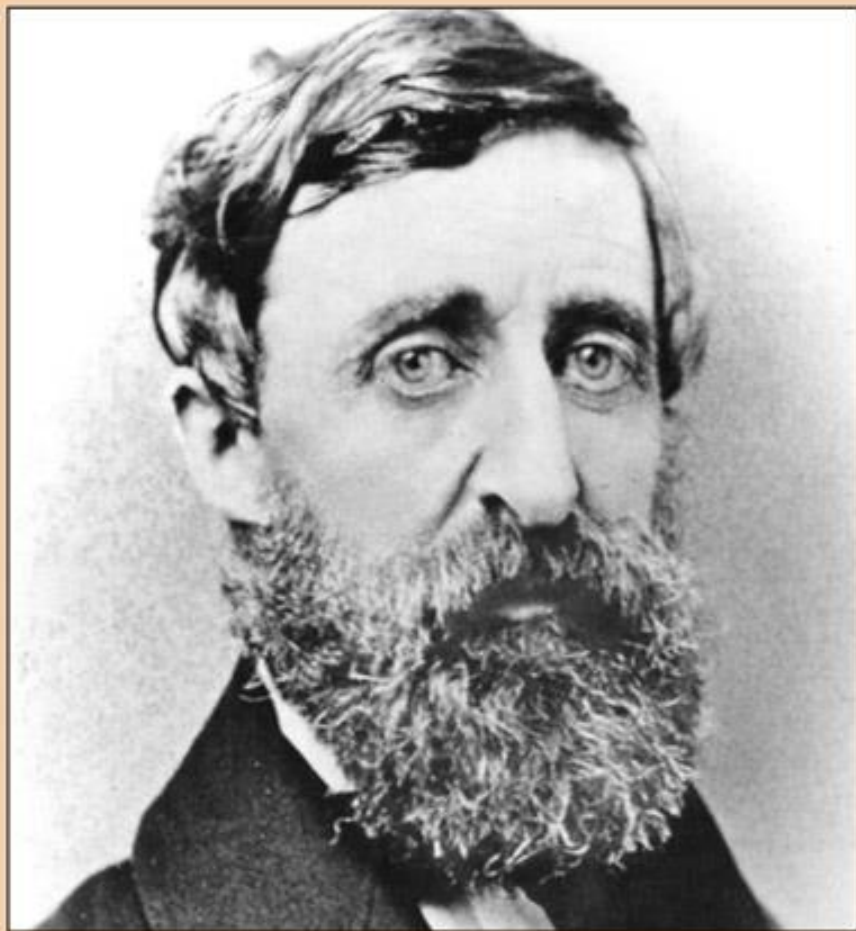
Walden;
or, Life in the Woods.

is published and Thoreau
becomes the father of the
environmental movement.

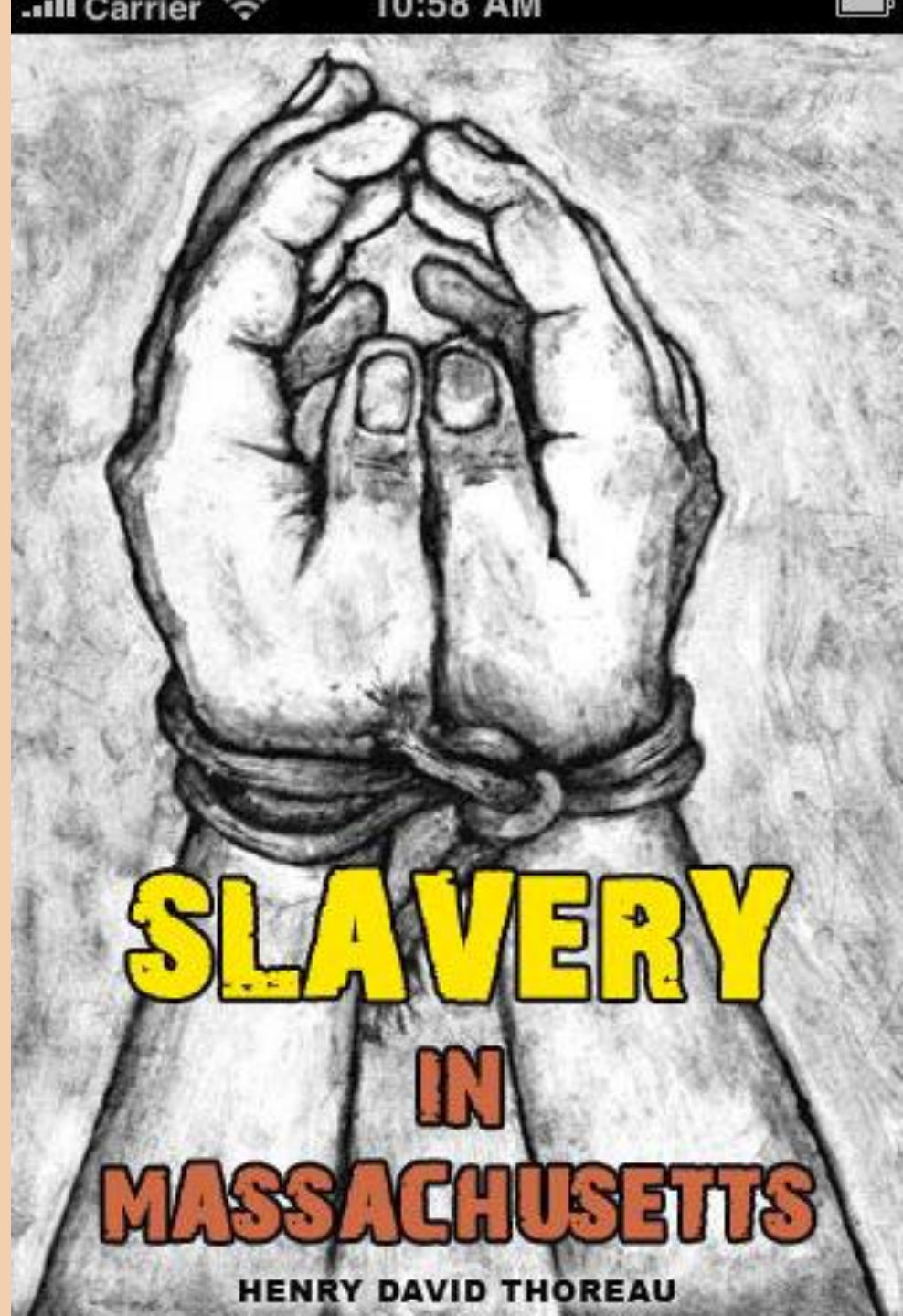
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

SOLITUDE AND LIFE WITHOUT PRINCIPLE

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

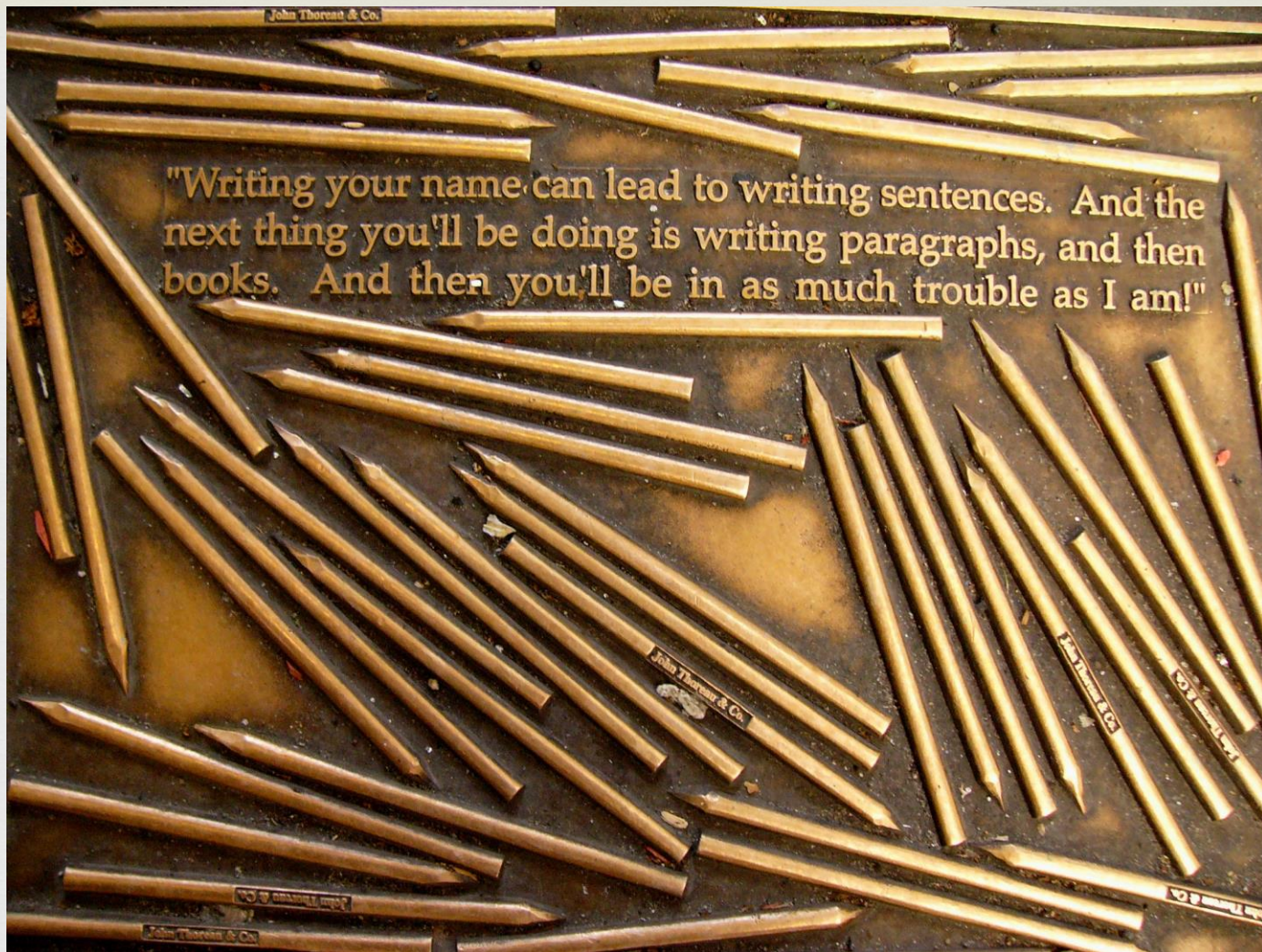


L I T E R A R Y C L A S S I C S



SLAVERY IN MASSACHUSETTS

HENRY DAVID THOREAU



After his two years at Walden Pond, Thoreau lived most of his time with his parents in Concord Ma. He also “house sat” for Emerson when he was away. He helped in the family pencil factory, wrote, and went on speaking tours. He never married.

Thoreau died of tuberculosis on May 6, 1862.
He is buried with his family at
The Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

