



## **Pathfinder:** American Literary Movements

This pathfinder will help you research American Literary Movements.

**Search Tools:** Use the search stations in the library (or any computer in the school by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080) to access the library's catalog to find materials in the library's collection.

**Introductory Materials:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation and other terms and ideas to expand your search terms.

**Terms and Keywords:** Use the computer search stations to look for your book sources. You may try general words to find your subject like "Literary Movements" or "American Literature." This is a broad category so you may want to get more specific. Try searching for the specific movement you are researching, such as "Transcendentalism" or the name of a specific writer in that movement, such as "Ralph Waldo Emerson."

**Dewey Numbers:** The KHS Drew Library Media Center uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and organize materials. Begin your search for your topic by using the following Dewey numbers:

- 285.9 Puritanism
- 810.9 Romanticism, American Realism, Regionalism, and Transcendentalism
- 810.911 American Modernism

**Reference Materials to Use:** The books marked with a reference sticker cannot be checked out. However, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't

forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the books we have in the reference section that could help you out:

- REF 813 HAM – Encyclopedia of American Popular Fiction
- REF 809.91 LIT – Literary Movements for Students
- REF 810.9 WAY – Encyclopedia of Transcendentalism
- REF 810.8 NOR – The Norton Anthology of American Literature

**Internet Resources:** There are millions of websites with information on Literary Movements. This can be a great source, however, make sure that the site you use has reliable, credible information. Here are some good sites to look at:

<http://sparkcharts.sparknotes.com/lit/literaryterms/section5.php> - Spark Notes from Barnes and Noble “Literary Terms,” includes a brief description and sample authors

<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/litfram.html> - includes a timeline and overview of Literary movement with themes and practitioners of each movement .

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americannovel/timeline/index.html> - explore by novels, authors, or the literary movements.

### **Online Database:**

We subscribe to this database. If you use it at school, you do not need a log in name and password. If you use this at home, contact the library for the log in name and password. Access this database on the library website which can be accessed via the link on the KHS website.

Literature Resource Center - Search by literary period/movement