Romanticism/Victorian Literature

Background History Study Guide

**The Flowering of Romanticism** (p.700-708)

1. The Romantic period was from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Romanticism was a movement that responded to dramatic changes in Britain such as revolutions in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which rocked the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the nation.
3. Romanticism was an outgrowth of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is Jean Jacques Rousseau and what did he have to do with Romanticism?
5. What were the basic tenets of Romanticism?
6. What were some of Britain’s growing cities’ problems?
7. How did the democratic ideals of the Romantic period influence English’s development?
8. Who was Noah Webster and what did he do? Under his influence, how did American English differ from British English?
9. The real flowering of Romanticism occurred when?
10. Compare and contrast Wordsworth and Coleridge.

Similarities:

Differences:

1. What is a “Byronic hero?” Who is it based on and why?
2. What changes occurred in Britain between 1820-1830? Specifically, what did the Reform Bill of 1832 change and what did it mark?

13. Romantic Characteristics (Be sure to explain) from page 707-708

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**The Victorians** (p.828-837)

1. The Victorian period lasted from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. For many people today, the term “Victorian” usually implies what?
3. During Victoria’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ year reign (the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in history), she placed great emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She supported the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which meant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She married \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . After his death, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Throughout the Victorian era, numerous reforms took place. Name at least 8.
5. What is realism? Characteristics?
6. Two types or styles of realism eventually emerged. What are they? Their characteristics?
7. The era’s most popular storyteller was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. How were novels published during the Victorian period? Why?
9. The last decade of the Victorian era became tinged with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Why?