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General Features

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- ▶ Romantics embraced imagination and naturalness—turning away from the 18<sup>th</sup> century emphasis on reason and artifice.

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- ▶ Romantic-era poets preferred poetry that spoke of personal experiences and emotions, often in simple, unadorned language. They rejected the public, formal, and witty works of the previous century.

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- ▶ Many Romantics turned to a past or an inner dream world that they felt was more picturesque and magical than the ugly industrial age they lived in.

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- ▶ Most Romantics believed in individual liberty and sympathized with those who rebelled against tyranny.

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- ▶ The Romantics thought of nature as transformative; they were fascinated by the ways nature and the human mind “mirrored” each other’s creative properties.