

Characteristics of Romanticism

Characteristic	Description
Interest in the common man and childhood	Romantics believed in the natural goodness of humans, but they believed this goodness was hindered by the urban life of civilization.
Strong senses, emotions, and feelings	Romantics believed that knowledge is gained through intuition. They preferred poetry that spoke of personal experience and emotions in simple language.
Awe of nature	Romantics thought of nature as something that could transform a person's existence. They believed that the stronger the connection with nature the purer the experience.
Celebration of the individual	Romantics often elevated the achievements of the misunderstood, heroic outcast. They sympathized with those who rebelled against tyranny.
Importance of imagination	Romantics embraced imagination, sincerity, and openness in their poetry.