Changes in the Arts as a result of the Industrial Revolution

Artists, musicians, and writers took new directions during the Industrial Age.

From around 1750 C.E. to 1850 C.E. a new, artistic movement called **Romanticism** thrived. The romantics appealed to emotion rather than reason. They aimed to capture the beauty and forces of nature. Music composers used amplifying notes to stir a person's emotions. Literature created a new type of hero; often sad figures who held deep secrets that were brought out within the chapters. Both artists and writers created works that reminisced about past times that should not be forgotten. Architects built new buildings that were replicas or copies of older styles.



The Haywain by John Constable



The Lady of Shalott by John William Waterhouse

During the Mid 1800's, a movement called **Realism** swept across the Western Hemisphere. These artists attempted to show how the world really was, often looking at the harsh and cruel side of life. Many people in the genre of realism focused on the working-classes, the poor, slavery, and the lack of rights for women.



The Cotton Pickers by Winslow Homer



Pont de l'Europe by Gustave Caillebotte

In the 1840's a new art form, photography drastically changed the art world. The first photographs were mostly portraits but due to the camera being portable and more versatile than easels and canvasses, photographs were taken of life in the factories and slums. This new method of showing realism captured more reliable view of real life and its harshness. The photograph would be evidence for social change.







London Street Children - Urchins

Because of photography, many artists in the 1870's began to paint in a new direction and Impressionism started in France. Impressionists now painted oils and water-colors without hiding their brush strokes. There was no blending in this genre that created a new way of viewing scenes and objects.



Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



Arrival at Saint-Lazare Station by Claude Monet



Dancers in the Classroom by Edgar Degas

The Arts in the Industrial Age

ROMANTICISM		
Lord Byron	England	Writer
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	Germany	Writer
Charlotte and Emily Bronte	England	Writers
Ludwig van Beethoven	Germany	Composer
Eugène Delacroix	France	Painter
REALISM		
Charles Dickens	England	Writer
Harriet Becher Stowe	United States	Writer
Gustave Courbet	France	Painter
Matthew Brady	United States	Photographer
Lewis Hine	United States	Photographer
IMPRESSIONISM		
Claude Monet	France	Painter
Edgar Degas	France	Painter

While the romantic looked to days gone by, the realists took a hard look at life in their own times.

