

DESPERATE ROMANTICS

Post-session Comprehension

Task 1: ROMANTICISM VS THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Can you remember any key features of the Enlightenment and the Romantic movement? Write them below.

The Enlightenment

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Romanticism

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Task 2: NAME THE POET

Can you remember which poet (Keats, Coleridge, Shelley or Byron) each of these sentences is refers to?

1. He was married to the author of Frankenstein, was involved in anti-establishment politics and wrote a poem that was featured in the TV series Breaking Bad.
Name:
2. He was a delicate soul who studied medicine but died at a young age. His poetry wasn't a big hit in his lifetime, but is now regarded as amongst the best.
Name:
3. He was addicted to opium from a young age and, as a result, wrote some very surreal poetry. He was interested in philosophy and religion, and even tried to start start an experimental society.
Name:
4. He was a "ladies' man" with a rockstar's reputation, described as "mad, bad and dangerous to know". He later fought in the Greek War of Independence.

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Teachers' Notes

These activities have been designed to be used before the workshops as introduction and a way of getting students interested and a way to pre-teach vocabulary. You may also use the material as a follow up activity after the students have attended the event and see how much they remember!

Exercise 2 answers:

1. Shelley
2. Keats
3. Coleridge
4. Byron