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American literature

Introduction

- Father of American literature - Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30 ,1835 – April 21 ,1910)
- Pen name Mark twain ,American writer , humorist ,entrepreneur ,publisher and lecturer
- Lauded as the greatest humorist the United States has produced
- William Faulkner called him the father of American literature

Notable works

His Famous short stories

- The Black Cat
- The Tell –Tale Heart
- The Fall of House of Usher
- The Cask of Amantillado

Movie

- The Raven
- House of Usher
- THE Masque of the Red Death
- Eliza Graves and More .

About the poem

- It represents the speaker's unending grief over the loss of Lenore
- Main message
- Ability to live in the present and engage with society
- Nevermore means we can never hold on to what we have or who we love
- Ever more means loss will always be part of life

About the Author

- ❖ American writer
- ❖ Poet ,editor and literary critic
- ❖ Best known for his poetry and Macabre
- ❖ Born in 19th January 1809 Boston Massachusetts ,United states
- ❖ Died on 7th October 1849 Church home and hospital Baltimore .

Nights Plutonian Shore

- It means Pluto the Roman God of the Under world
- Figurative language

Example

- Raven itself as symbolism
- White Raven symbol of good luck
- Black Raven might represents the underworld of death

Use of metaphor

- Comparing Raven to a prophet
- Comparing Raven to angels and demons
- Raven is a ballad made up of six line stanzas
- The pattern is identical to Shakespeare

The Three characteristics of American Literature

- ❑ **plot of decline,**
- ❑ **indifferent of nature,**
- ❑ **3rd person omniscient reaction to romanticism and surrealism**
- Characteristics of colonial American literature
- **Poems, Journals, Letters, Narratives, Histories and Teaching materials written by settlers and religious and historic figures of the period.**

The Raven- Analysis

- "The Raven" follows an unnamed narrator on a dreary night in December who sits reading "forgotten lore" by a dying fire as a way to forget the death of his beloved Lenore.
- A "tapping at [his] chamber door" reveals nothing, but excites his soul to "burning

POE'S Last words

- Taken to Washington College Hospital, Poe slipped in and out of consciousness; he died early on the morning of October 7, reportedly uttering the last words "Lord help my poor soul." Poe's death left a mystery that has lingered for more than a century.

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