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Female Writers English Literature Imagination Mary Shelley Mary Wollstonecraft Anna Letitia Barbauld 18th Century Female writers of the Eighteenth Century often focused on the role of the female imagination in novel writing, poetry composition, and as an outlet for temporarily escaping a harsh world. In *Maria, or The Wrongs of Woman*, Mary Wollstonecraft focused mostly on the latter notion, the ability of a woman to employ her imagination in transcending the physical prison of an insane asylum, as well as the metaphorical prisons of a tyrannical marriage and an oppressive world. Finally, in *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley draws a striking contrast between feminine uses of the imagination and the ruthless aims of a male-dominated scientific imagination. Although Wollstonecraft presents imagination as the only outlet and sole alternative for women trapped in their homes, she champions feminine uses of imagination over male employments of the mind; Barbauld and Shelley expand on the uses of female imagination, displaying the artful creations of the feminine mind and simultaneously condemning male forms of imagination, especially in the realms of science and technology. In this instance, Wollstonecraft highlights the feminine dilemma of immobility and even captivity, sometimes within their own households. After reading, of course, writing presented itself as the only other pursuit for Maria: Writing even an autobiographical account proves helpful to Maria, distracting her from the reality of her imprisoned state. Later, writing to Darnford, and actually connecting to another human being in similar circumstances, acts as a sort of therapy for Maria. Maria employs her mind in constructing letters to Darnford, and the occupation aids her in transcending imprisonment. Besides reading and writing, Wollstonecraft illustrates the manner in which feminine imagination alone, without any outside influences, can transport women away from cruel circumstances. A harsh world forces Maria to imagine the existence of kindness in the world; of course, her meeting Darnford sparks a renewed hope in humanity. Later, she even builds up the character of Darnford in her mind: Maria inflates the character of Darnford in her mind, exaggerating his good qualities and believing she might at least discover some happiness with him. Due to her incessant imagining, Maria and readers alike often forget that Maria remains imprisoned; her mind refuses imprisonment and seeks freedom and serenity. Nevertheless, Wollstonecraft seems to harbor some ambivalence concerning female uses of the imagination early on in her novel. The youths who are satisfied with the ordinary pleasures of life, and do not sigh after ideal phantoms of love and friendship, will never arrive at great maturity of understanding; but if these reveries are cherished, as is too frequently the case with women, when experience ought to have taught them in what human happiness consists, they become as useless as they are wretched. Besides, their pains and pleasures are so dependent on outward circumstances, on the objects of their affections, that they seldom act from the impulse of a nerved mind, able to choose its own pursuit. Indeed, Maria exacerbates her situation at home by placing too much confidence in her husband. At the same time, Wollstonecraft owns, women must rely on their imaginations. Otherwise, their husbands render them completely mindless. Wollstonecraft portrays the willingness of men to reduce women to physical objects without a mind. Maria and Darnford remain well aware of their imprisoned states and even hear the cries of their fellow madhouse residents; nevertheless, all of them indulge their imaginations, choosing a temporary, happier, albeit fake reality over the true state of their situations. While fancying can lead to a complete denial of reality, it can nevertheless foster happiness and true joy. Thus, Wollstonecraft endorses female reliance on imagination, acknowledging that women have no other outlet. She condemns the men who remove the minds of women, and champions the notion of female intelligence. Wollstonecraft emphasizes the unfairness of reality, the fact that men can use their minds in the workforce and beyond, but can effectively eliminate the female mind, debasing women into mere objects. Maria finds herself ensnared by his false professions, a cycle

in which many women find themselves and which only increases male notions of female stupidity. Ultimately, Wollstonecraft encourages women to use their minds, even if only for imagining and fancying, and denounces males who use their minds for the purpose of reducing the female mind. Barbauld and Shelley adopt a similar perspective in their respective works; however, they emphasize the fruits of female imagination in the realms of poetry and writing and depict the ways in which male ambition and imagination in the scientific arena quite often lead to destruction. Barbauld takes a more subtle approach than Shelley, but the same themes emerge nevertheless. Barbauld places the brunt of the blame for the plight of the poor on aristocratic men. The rich men hold all the power, and render the poor, especially poor women, utterly powerless and paralyzed in their social class. She castigates a male aristocratic society that prevents any social mobility. She writes with a strong sense of poetic authority and approaches the act of washing laundry as seriously as Milton approaches the act of Eve tasting the forbidden fruit. She belittles Milton and raises her own female work, making a statement that she as a female poet can write just as bombastically about laundry as he does about the Fall. In this poem, Barbauld taunts male ambition and imagination in the literary field. Even with her ever apparent sarcasm, however, Barbauld does not minimize the difficult labor which washing-day requires of women. Rather, Barbauld points to the dreaded nature of the day, and indeed, later hints at the grueling, physical nature of washing laundry. At the end of her poem, the speaker imagines a way to transcend Washing-Day. She recalls blowing bubbles as a child: Essentially, the speaker makes use of her imagination and turns to child-like games to distract her from work. Much like the imagination manifests the power to take Maria away from her reality in the insane asylum, imagination allows the speaker to transcend the physical toughness of washing-day. Yet the bubbles prove more than mere distractions or childish games, at least for Barbauld. Female imagination in the form of bubbles meets head-on with the male scientific imagination behind the invention of hot air balloons. Of course, while the females use their imaginations to escape tough physical labor, the men use their imaginations to construct better military technology in the form of a hot air balloon. Children, like the women, use their imaginations for harmless fun, while men use their imaginations to construct better scientific technology. Of course, Barbauld strongly hints at the destructive nature of male scientific endeavors. Like Wollstonecraft, Barbauld points to the frightening nature of male imagination, as it seeks more power to use against other people, like the poor or peoples of different nations. She additionally stresses the arrogance of science itself, since it consistently aims to defeat physical boundaries for malicious reasons. Females, on the other hand, like Maria and the washing women, transcend physical boundaries to escape from pain and to achieve happier states of mind. Nevertheless, Barbauld ends her poem on a more positive note, emphasizing the bubble of imagination which poetry itself represents. Barbauld acknowledges the bubbles which different facets of nature create. She additionally acknowledges the literal bubble of the hot air balloon which males create. However, she deems poetry the highest pursuit out of all the various kinds of bubbles. Mary Shelley, like Barbauld, exhibits no tolerance for scientific imagination, especially since science often adopts unnatural means to arrive at an end. Certainly, such an aim requires much imagination; indeed, Frankenstein becomes an artist in his own right as he fashions a being out of lifeless body parts and imparts upon it a human form. Initially, Frankenstein appears somewhat overwhelmed by his project, but not due to any moral or ethical dilemmas. Rather, he worries about whether or not he can actually fashion dead body parts into a living human body: Initially daunted by such a task, Frankenstein comforts himself, and his imagination propels him forward. Like Barbauld, Shelley shows how male scientists step out of their bounds, step even out of nature, in order to achieve their goals. Frankenstein can no longer exist as a natural human being after he creates an unnatural being in an unnatural way. Elizabeth preoccupies herself with the works of poets, and Shelley encourages such activities. Elizabeth does not employ her imagination to escape her environment; rather, unlike Maria and the washing women, she uses her imagination to supplement the natural beauty of her Swiss home. While her fancies prove innocent, Frankenstein, from the beginning, entertains dark, unnatural thoughts of surpassing natural human boundaries. His imagination effectively traps him: Frankenstein now finds himself slave to his imagination. In fact, his imaginative creation, the monster,

effectively haunts him the rest of his life, killing those to whom he feels closest. Like Maria, then, Frankenstein seems driven by a multitude of emotions. Not only does Frankenstein wish to create, but he wishes to be the sole parent. In effect, he removes women from the process of reproduction; his scientific imagination leaves no room for female participation in the creation of progeny. Instead of procreating with Elizabeth, Frankenstein creates his monster alone, frequently scavenging from graves for various body parts. Essentially, he attempts to create unnaturally what the female body sustains naturally: Frankenstein imagines that the monsters will procreate, even though he does not even need to give the female monster the biological parts with which to sustain a fetus. Once again, Shelley emphasizes how male scientific imagining often results in death and destruction, while female fancies prove relatively harmless. Ultimately, Shelley punishes Frankenstein and the male ego in removing his one chance at happiness with Elizabeth and in ensuring his death at the end of the novel. Shelley condemns once and for all a male science which removes any female participation in reproduction, much like Wollstonecraft condemns males who remove intellect and any form of a mind from females, and like Barbauld discourages a scientific endeavor used for warfare and destruction. Her novel, however many horrors it contains, seeks to expose deleterious masculine imagination. Overall, Wollstonecraft, Barbauld, and Shelley all encourage females to engage their imaginations. Finally, Shelley, perhaps more daringly than the other two female artists, outright condemns scientists who seek to unnaturally and arrogantly achieve far too ambitious goals without considering the consequences. In particular, Shelley dislikes the lack of female involvement in the field of science and the attempt of male scientists to usurp the powers of the feminine body when they barely allow females a mind. Overall, all three seem fascinated by feminine intelligence and imagination, and their thought-provoking works of art prove that females have much to offer the world, especially in the fields of literature, politics, and science. References Barbauld, Anna Letitia. *The Copy Shop, Fall Maria, or The Wrongs of Woman. The Power of Imagination. Female Writers in the 18th Century: More By This Author:*

## 2: Anne Hampton Brewster - Wikipedia

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Instead of getting married and having a family, she preferred to write in order to support herself. She later left to go to Rome, Italy and wrote on many Italian topics such as: Art, architecture, archaeology, political events, and social gossip for many different American newspapers. All throughout her life, Anne continued to write having published a total of three novels, seven pieces of nonfiction, fifty-two short stories, and four poems, along with many newspaper articles. In Honour of the memory of my beloved Mother. Brewster kept this painting of her by Thomas Sully and left it in her will. Anne was the daughter of Maria and Francis Brewster. They had three children together; Benjamin , Anne, and Carroll. At the age of five, older brother Benjamin was caught in a fire and severely burned in the face and hands. People around Philadelphia knew him as "Burnt Face" Brewster. Although Benjamin faced tragedy early on in his life, he still was a very successful individual. Third and youngest child to Maria and Francis Brewster was F. She also became a very prominent lawyer well known for criminal cases. Aside from being an outstanding lawyer, she had many constitutional authority, author of some important treaties on law and equity, a common pleas judge, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Francis, her father, was a deputy sheriff of the county and also an outstanding lawyer. He had a mistress by the name of Isabella Anderson, whom he left Maria for in Francis and Isabella had two sons together, which are named Frederick and Enoch Brewster. Benjamin controlled her close friends. She was very close to the writer Charlotte Cushman around but social pressure meant that they had to part. Brewster reminisced about this idyllic time together in letters in Benjamin eventually convinced the two sons to share the belongings with him. Anne tried to fight her brother for years in court but in the end she lost and her inheritance was kept by Benjamin. Many of her articles come from the time she spent in Rome writing for American Newspapers. Her short stories, such as St. The diaries on file go from to Annes published papers include a section with documents signed by Abraham Lincoln , W. Sherman, James Madison, and others. The Saturday Gazette was filled with many poems written by Anne but published under many different pen names. The various poems have no manuscript copies that can be found. The poem illustrates a man fixation on earthly endeavors and shortfall of spirituality.

## 3: List of female poets - Wikipedia

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The 18th century The Caroline reforms Following the War of the Spanish Succession 1714 , the first Spanish Bourbons set out to put their kingdoms in order and to win the hearts and minds of their subjects. Philip V 1724, 1746 , Luis I , and Ferdinand VI 1759 enacted new tax laws, overhauled domestic and international defense, converted the aristocracy into a service nobility, and enlisted the literati to frame these changes as a return to Castilian tradition. The culmination of their vision was the reign of Charles III 1788 , who pursued fiscal and political changes in Spanish America known as the Caroline reforms and expelled the Jesuits in 1765. The Viceroyalty of New Granada now Colombia , Venezuela, and parts of Ecuador and Peru became an important centre for scientific study and commerce. It had foundered after its initial founding in 1763, was suppressed in 1765, and was reestablished in 1766. Numerous Spanish and other European scientists traveled to New Granada and the other viceroyalties of Spanish America during the first half of the century. There they measured and categorized plants, stones, and animals, led by the Enlightenment impulse to dominate nature through intellectual rather than physical force. Spanish merchants, too, flocked to the viceregal capitals, where they hoped to enrich themselves, marry wealthy Creole women, and become members of the ruling clans. Before and after their expulsion, the Jesuit humanists like 18th-century Italian and Spanish humanists in general looked to Renaissance authorities on rhetoric and poetics. They traced a continuum between the earlier humanists and contemporary authorities on physics and optics. Exiled to northern Italy, some of these Jesuits were among the first Spanish Americans to issue calls for independence. Historiographies In addition to the accounts of Spanish America earlier penned by European explorers, philosophers, and naturalists, important historiographical works were written by Creoles or by Spaniards who had lived most of their lives in one or more of the viceroyalties. Alongside his defense of Creoles in Havana, Arrate laid out economic statistics and policies for Cuba inspired by modern economic theorists. A merchant and provincial magistrate whom the Spanish crown commissioned to escort the Jesuits out of Peru in 1765, he conducted an inspection of the postal system of the viceroyalty in 1766. His satirical account of that tour, *El lazarrillo de ciegos caminantes* ? A Guide for Inexperienced Travelers Between Buenos Aires and Lima , was published under a pseudonym and is perhaps the best-known Latin American work of the 18th century. Its most obvious debt is to Menippean satire , since it parodies elements of the travelogue, almanac, natural history, newspaper, and memoir. The History of Mexico. For his invectives against the Spanish crown and church officials in Santo Domingo, he was harassed and imprisoned. He fled to Spain, where he became a member of the economic society of Madrid. Formed to foment local economies, economic societies in Latin America became heavily involved in pro-independence movements. The introduction manifests his command of Neoclassical rhetoric while it glosses the major jurists of the western European Enlightenment. It was published first in French and then in Spanish. Viscardo claimed that rapacious adventurers had transformed a shining conquest of souls into the shame of the Spanish name and that Spanish rule was tyranny. Viscardo called on Creoles to lift the yoke of tyranny by separating from Spain. Both the Mexican and the Peruvian emboldened actors of the independence movements and created nightmarish visions of Spanish colonial rule that would be repeated by Neoclassicists and Romantics in the republics of Spanish America. Plays Although elites in Spanish America did not embrace Enlightenment ideals until the last years of the 18th century, authors began much earlier to explore the new ways of thinking about nature and to develop new ways of imitating it in fiction and new ways of viewing their societies. The exaggeration of Baroque tendencies marks much of the literature from the first half of the century. This is especially true of the works of those authors who wrote occasional theatre and poetry—that is, dramas and poems that celebrated the arrivals or birthdays of archbishops and viceroys, military victories, and so on. Unlike the historiographers, those agents of revolution and republicanism,

playwrights throughout the 18th century imagined spectacles of royal power in which hierarchies of estate, caste, and gender were reinforced for literate and illiterate spectators alike. Fernando de Orbea, whose family occupied government positions throughout the Viceroyalty of Peru, wrote one of the few surviving plays from what is today Colombia. In Lima the dramas of Pedro de Peralta Barnuevo ranged from adaptations of French Neoclassical plays to librettos for operas at the viceregal palace. A mathematician, poet, attorney, accountant, and historian, Peralta dazzled European visitors to Lima. Eusebio Vela, a transplanted Spanish actor and playwright, wrote plays that were popular in Mexico City. It was performed in Spain during the 18th century. Poetry Lyrical and spiritual poems have survived, although they are of uneven quality. Both these works are notable for their mystic reflection. The Jesuit Juan Bautista Aguirre wrote spiritual, lyrical, and satirical poetry that was published after his death. Epic poetry was not often attempted in Spanish during the first half of the 18th century. Intellectual achievements interested Peralta more than military feats: The frequent appearance in *Hernandia* of the Italian *scena a forma* of solo vocal composition in which the recitative is followed by arias and several allusions to soft music and song during battles are firmly Rococo and confirm his debts to opera, which had been popular in the viceregal courts of Spanish America since the late 17th century. *Rusticatio mexicana* exalts the animals, plants, and minerals native to New Spain, detailing the agricultural, textile, and mining practices of the region. Satirical poetry was much more common. Miscegenation, smuggling, prostitution, fashion, and feigned nobility are all targeted in the tradition of Rosas de Oquendo and Caviedes. The Andalusian Esteban de Teralla y Landa, who lived in Mexico City before he moved to Lima about 1760, contrasted appearances and realities in a manner reminiscent of Juvenal. Early novels The late 18th century saw the rise of the Latin American novel. In these early novels, one encounters at every turn the Neoclassical conviction that society would be reformed by a combination of informed individual choice and state regulation. Francisco Javier Eugenio de Santa Cruz y Espejo, son of a Quechua father and a Spanish mother, penned satirical novels, treatises on medical and religious matters, and legal papers. His satires circulated widely in manuscript but were not published until the 20th century. Among other things, he worked at establishing immigrant colonies to expand the agricultural sector and reinforce the notion that manual labour was not dishonourable, and he was one of those who aimed at teaching trades and persuading the aristocracy to use trained workers on their lands. In his early 20s Olavide bought a seat on the royal court in Lima. Within a year he faced legal sanctions for his role in the reconstruction efforts that followed the massive earthquake of 1764. He fled to Spain, where he married a wealthy middle-aged widow. His *Paulina*, *Sabina*, and other sentimental novels and short stories were influenced by Samuel Richardson, Voltaire, and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. After several years of working on immigration and economic projects, Olavide was persecuted for his unorthodox religious views and took refuge in France. His acerbic wit and wide-ranging interests are evident in his best-known novels, *El periquillo sarniento* vol. Its successor asks prospective female readers to look in the two mirrors that are its two female principals and to rid themselves of the same vices that they see in the ill-fated *Quijota*. For late 18th-century authors and their crown and church patrons, Neoclassicism represented both the spirit of their age and the destined fate of society under their tutelage.

### 4: Women Poets | Famous Female Poets

*This is a list of female poets organised by the time period in which they were born. This listing is subordered alphabetically by name.*

Women were not encouraged to become writers until fairly recently, and often did not dare publish under their own names, to protect their families from scandal. Even Jane Austen originally wrote all of her works anonymously. I hope you will find this list useful and enjoyable as well. Her plots, though fundamentally comic, highlight the dependence of women on marriage to secure social standing and economic security, and are often considered feminist. They are widely available in English. She was born at Alresford, Hampshire. She is most noted as the author of *Our Village: Sketches of Rural Character and Scenery*. It is widely available in English. She also edited and promoted the works of her husband, the Romantic poet and philosopher Percy Bysshe Shelley. Shortly afterwards, in a waking dream, Mary Godwin conceived the idea for *Frankenstein: I saw the hideous phantasm of a man stretched out, and then, on the working of some powerful engine, show signs of life, and stir with an uneasy, half vital motion. Frightful must it be; for supremely frightful would be the effect of any human endeavour to mock the stupendous mechanism of the Creator of the world*. It has had a considerable influence across literature and popular culture and spawned a complete genre of horror stories and films. Frankenstein is actually the name of the scientist and not the monster in the novel. In , she debuted as a writer, anonymously, with a series of novels published until , and was soon followed by others. Her novels were romantic stories of the time and concentrated on women in the marriage market; either beautiful and superficial, or unattractive with no hope of joining it, and the person telling the story and observing them is often an independent woman. Her novel *Hertha* remains her most influential work. Further theatre pieces and autobiographical pieces include *Histoire de ma vie* , *Elle et Lui* about her affair with Musset , *Journal Intime* posthumously published in , and *Correspondence*. Sand often performed her theatrical works in her small private theatre at the Nohant estate. In addition, Sand authored literary criticism and political texts. She wrote many essays and published works establishing her socialist position. This allowed her to publish more political essays. Her parents encouraged her work, and she has one of the largest collections of juvenilia of any English writer. Between Barrett Browning was prolific in poetry, translation and prose. Her volume *Poems* made her one of the most popular writers in the country at the time and inspired Robert Browning to write to her, telling her how much he loved her work. She grew to love Robert and eventually married him; her father then disinherited her, as he did each of his children who married. Her brothers considered Robert a lower class gold-digger and refused to see him. Her most famous work, *Sonnets From the Portugese*, largely chronicles the period leading up to her marriage to Robert Browning. Her works are widely available in English. She was the first full-time American female book reviewer in journalism. She later had more formal schooling and became a teacher. Margaret Fuller became the first editor of the transcendentalist journal *The Dial* in , before joining the staff of the *New York Tribune* under Horace Greeley in . Her seminal work, *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*, was published in . She had a relationship with Giovanni Ossoli, with whom she had a child. Anthony, cite Fuller as a source of inspiration. Many of her contemporaries, however, were not supportive, including her former friend Harriet Martineau. She said that Fuller was a talker rather than an activist. She was also the younger sister of Norwegian poet Henrik Wergeland, and is recognized as being one of the first contributors to realism in Norwegian literature. She also wrote a number of essays and polemics, as well as her memoirs. Her complete works are available online in Norwegian [here](#). Although only two copies were sold, the sisters continued writing for publication and began their first novels. She published under the pen name Ellis Bell. The philosopher and critic George Henry Lewes met Evans in , and by they had decided to live together. It was not until , when Lewes and Evans were introduced to Princess Louise, that they were fully accepted by society. *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* was an instant phenomenal success, sold out within six weeks. Its depiction of alcoholism and debauchery were profoundly disturbing to nineteenth century readers. It

is also a noted feminist novel. She supports herself and her son by painting, while living in hiding, fearful of discovery. In doing so, she violates not only social conventions, but also English law. At the time, a married woman had no independent legal existence, apart from her husband and could not own her own property, sue for divorce, or control custody of her children. If she attempted to live apart from him, her husband had the right to reclaim her. If she took their child with her, she was liable for kidnapping. Both novels are widely available in English. She is best known for her long poem *Goblin Market*, her love poem *Remember*, and for the words of the Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*. Her poem *Love Came Down at Christmas* has also been widely used for a carol. She was deeply religious and often suffered from depression, as well as suffering from Graves Disease for the last decades of her life; she eventually died of breast cancer. Her most famous collection, *Goblin Market and Other Poems*, appeared in 1845, when she was 42. It received widespread critical praise, establishing her as the main female poet of the time. Hopkins, Swinburne, and Tennyson praised her work, and with the death of poet Elizabeth Browning in 1862 Rossetti was considered her natural successor. After her death in 1885 her younger sister Lavinia discovered her poems, and in 1893 Thomas Wentworth Higginson and Mabel Louis Todd published a heavily edited collection of her poems. A complete edition was not published until 1912, and an edition arranged in the way she originally arranged her poems was not published until 1933. She has been described as the first Australian novelist to achieve a significant international reputation. It was well-reviewed and established her as an author. This book was followed by *Policy and Passion*, one of the best of her earlier books, which went into at least three editions. An Australian reprint was issued in 1908 under the title of *Longleat of Kooralbyn*. In 1851 she began her friendship with Irish politician, historian and writer, Justin McCarthy, a friendship which continued for the rest of his life. He was 20 years her senior, with an established reputation as a literary man. In 1852, she began collaborating with medium Nancy Harward, with whom she lived for thirty years. During this time she wrote her novels about the occult and reincarnation, starting with *Nyria*. Towards the end of 1853 she published *Our Book of Memories: Her last years were spent at Torquay*. This record was written down by her between 1853 and 1854, but was not published until nearly 30 years later. Her novel, *Nyria*, was based on these experiences. She died at Torquay on 10 April 1854 and was survived by her daughter who later died in a mental asylum. Her books are widely available in English. Her husband was less clever than her and, during the first years of their marriage, did not allow her to read novels written in foreign languages. The book was reprinted in 1908. Renowned novelist Resat Nuri Guntekin refers to *Udi* as one of the most important works, which attracted his interest in literature. She thematized in her works marriage, harmony between the spouses, love and affection, and the importance of courtship, contrary to arranged marriage. Further, she created independent and self-reliant heroines, who work and earn own money without the need of a man. In these letters, she expresses her never-ending enthusiasm to learn. Her sister Emine Semiye "â€", one of the first Turkish feminists, was also among the intellectual women as editorial staff of the twice a week issued magazine. As written in her magazine columns, she defended in this book the conservative traditions contrary to the modern characters she created in her novels. Her works are unfortunately not widely available in English. Check your inbox to confirm your subscription.

## 5: Famous American Women Poets and Poems

*Emily Dickinson, born on December 10, in Amherst, Massachusetts, is one of the premier American poets of the 19th century. She is an American poetess who died at the age of*

Women in the 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries: Introduction Feminism in Literature: Though modern feminism was nonexistent, many women expressed themselves and exposed the conditions that they faced, albeit often indirectly, using a variety of subversive and creative methods. The social structure of sixteenth century Europe allowed women limited opportunities for involvement; they served largely as managers of their households. Women were expected to focus on practical domestic pursuits and activities that encouraged the betterment of their families, and more particularly, their husbands. In most cases education for women was not advocated—it was thought to be detrimental to the traditional female virtues of innocence and morality. Women who spoke out against the patriarchal system of gender roles, or any injustice, ran the risk of being exiled from their communities, or worse; vocal unmarried women in particular were the targets of witch-hunts. Anne Hutchinson, who challenged the authority of Puritan clergy, was excommunicated for her outspoken views and controversial actions. Anne Askew, a well-educated, out-spoken English Protestant, was tried for heresy in ; her denial of transubstantiation was grounds for her imprisonment. She was eventually burned at the stake for her refusal to incriminate other Protestant court ladies. Elizabeth I ascended to the throne in , a woman who contradicted many of the gender roles of the age. She was well educated, having studied a variety of subjects including mathematics, foreign language, politics, and history. Elizabeth was an outspoken but widely respected leader, known for her oratory skills as well as her patronage of the arts. Despite the advent of the age of print, the literacy rate during this period remained low, though the Bible became more readily available to the lower classes. Religious study, though restricted to "personal introspection," was considered an acceptable pursuit for women, and provided them with another context within which they could communicate their individual ideas and sentiments. In addition to religious material, women of this period often expressed themselves through the ostensibly private forms of letters and autobiographies. The seventeenth century was not an era of drastic changes in the status or conditions of women. Women continued to play a significant, though not acknowledged, role in economic and political structures through their primarily domestic activities. Again, women who challenged societal norms and prejudices risked their lives—Mary Dyer was hanged for repeatedly challenging the Massachusetts law that banished Quakers from the colony. Though their influence was often denigrated, women participated in various community activities. For example, women were full members of English guilds; guild records include references to "brethern and sistern" and "freemen and freewomen. The eighteenth century brought the beginning of the British cultural revolution. The economic changes brought by the new middle class provided women with the opportunity to be more directly involved in commerce. Lower-to middle-class women often assisted their husbands in work outside the home. It was still thought unseemly for a lady to be knowledgeable of business so, though some class distinctions were blurring, the upper class was able to distinguish themselves from the rest of society. The rise in consumerism allowed the gentry to place a greater emphasis on changing fashion and "display," further distancing them from the middleclass. With the advent of changes in rules of fashion and acceptable mores within society, some women established a literary niche writing etiquette guides. Also due to the cultural revolution, mounting literacy rates among the lower classes caused an increase in publishing, including the rise of the periodical. Men and women of all classes found new means to express ideas in the wider publishing community. The act of professional writing, however, was still considered "vulgar" among the aristocracy. Significant colonial expansion during this period provided would-be writers with unique subject matter—letters written by women abroad discussed foreign issues and culture, and offered a detailed view of far-off lands. These letters were often circulated among members of an extended family, as well as in the larger community. Women such as Wollstonecraft advocated access to education for women that was

equal to that of their male counterparts. Marriage laws, which overwhelmingly favored men, also spurred public debate, though little was accomplished to reform laws during this period. Throughout the world, women took action to advance their political and social rights. Catherine continued to rule in an unconventional, independent manner, withdrawing from the men who made her ascension possible and remaining unmarried to ensure her power. Catherine was a shrewd politician, and used wide public support to enact laws that significantly altered the Russian political system. In France, Olympe de Gouges demanded equal rights for women in the new French Republic, and was eventually executed by guillotine in Madame Roland, who also met an untimely death in , influenced revolutionary politicians and thinkers during the French Revolution through her famous salon. Phillis Wheatley , an African-American slave, examined slavery and British imperialism in her poetry, and became a notable figure among abolitionists in America and abroad. Increasingly, women rebuked traditional roles and spoke out against the social and political inequalities they faced. The century closed with the deaths of visionaries such as Mary Wollstonecraft and Catherine the Great , and the births of a new breed of female writers and scholars. Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography. A Gale Critical Companion. Retrieved November 13, from Encyclopedia. Then, copy and paste the text into your bibliography or works cited list. Because each style has its own formatting nuances that evolve over time and not all information is available for every reference entry or article, Encyclopedia.

**6: Women Writers and 18th Centuries**

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Bring fact-checked results to the top of your browser search. The Rococo began as a movement toward simplicity and naturalness, a reaction against the stilted mannerisms and preciousness to which the earlier Baroque art was considered to have degenerated. It was a great age of and for dancing, with the minuet the symbol of its emphasis on civilized movement. This formal dance, the perfect execution of which was almost a science in itself, reflected the Rococo idea of naturalness. There is nothing so necessary to human beings as the dance. Without the dance, a man would not be able to do anything. All the misfortunes of man, all the baleful reverses with which histories are filled, the blunders of politicians and the failures of great leaders, all of this is the result of not knowing how to dance. The maturing of ballet Dance was finally deemed ready for an academy of its own. Technical codifications and dance scholarship The academicians were charged with setting up objective standards for perfecting of their arts, with unifying the rules of dance training, and with issuing licenses to dancing instructors. Though the nobility continued for some time to participate in the ballets de cour , and Louis himself danced in them until , the dance became more and more the province of highly trained specialists. After ballet and social dance took separate paths. But while the ballet continued to absorb new ideas from the folk and social dance, its practitioners and theoreticians looked down on those more common forms. A profusion of books on dance began to appearâ€”treatises, instructions, and analyses as well as the first attempts to record dances by means of written notation. It became the standard grammar for the dances practiced at the turn of the century, describing them in minute detail and notating them by a system devised by Feuillet. This indicated the position of the feet and directions, combinations, and floor patterns of the steps and leaps. The notations system was unable, however, to register the movements of the upper parts of the body. These included the en dehors i. In he produced one of the first serious ballets without words, The Loves of Mars and Venus. Weaver was the first dance teacher to insist that dance instructors should have a thorough knowledge of human anatomy. In he published his Anatomical and Mechanical Lectures upon Dancing, which became a standard work of international importance. These books strongly emphasized the contributions of dance to general education and manners. In this period dance was considered the basis of all education, and well-to-do parents went to great pains to have their children properly instructed. Varieties of the ballet As the technical demands of performance became greater and the amateurs gave way to the professionals, performance of the ballet moved from the dance floor onto the stage. There it gradually shed its declamations and its songs and concentrated on telling a story through the gestures of dance and mime alone. But this purifying process took time. Originally a ballet de cour, it was revived for the stage with a professional cast. In it she appeared in a flimsy muslin dress and loose, flowing hair rather than the heavy costumes and elaborate wigs usually worn by ballerinas. Thus lightened, the dancer was able to move with much greater freedom. Early virtuosos of the dance The era of the great dancer was at hand. She used the entrechat , a series of rapid crossings of the legs that previously had been used only by male dancers. To show off properly her entrechats and other lithe footwork, she shortened her skirt by several inches, thereby contributing to costume reform. Both ballerinas were depicted by Nicolas Lancret â€” , a painter known for his festive scenes, and both were praised by the writer and philosopher Voltaire â€” , who carefully compared their respective virtues. Both, however, were surpassed by the Italian dancer Barberina Campanini â€”99 , whose fame is less adequately recorded in dance history. By , she had taken Paris by storm, demonstrating jumps and turns executed with a speed and brilliance hitherto unknown. She offered ample proof that the Italian school of dance teaching had by no means died out with the earlier exodus of so many of its best practitioners to the French courts. The French dance suite At the great balls of the French court at Versailles, the minuet was the high point of the festivities, which culminated in a suite of dances. The opening branle , led

by the king and his escort, was a measured circling around, one couple after another. Next came the courante , which had been toned down from its earlier rather capricious figurations. Following the courante in the succession was the gavotte , which opened in the form of a round dance. A couple separated to each perform a short solo, then returned to the original circle. Sometimes the suite was extended through an allemande French: The earliest surviving specimen was composed by Lully in Mozart composed a series of 12 minuets as late as It originated as a folk dance in Poitou, but as a court dance it took its form from the courante. Though today it looks mannered, even artificial, in its time it was looked upon as the most beautiful and harmonious of dances, and to execute it perfectly required prolonged and careful study: The minuet was performed in open couples; spectators and partners were saluted with ceremonial bows. With dainty little steps and glides, to the right and to the left, forward and backward, in quarter turns, approaching and retreating hand in hand, searching and evading, now side by side, now facing, now gliding past one another, the ancient dance play of courtship appears here in a last and almost unrecognizable stylization and refinement. Curt Sachs, *World History of the Dance*, trans. In spite of the great popularity of the minuet before the French Revolution , it was the object of much barbed commentary in the late 18th century. Voltaire compared the metaphysical philosophers of his time with the dancers of the minuet, who, in their elegant attire, bow and mince daintily across the room showing off their charms, move without progressing a single step, and end up at the very spot from which they began. English social dance England thoroughly democratized the dance. This was a collection of English traditional dances and tunes. It had 18 editions in 80 years, each one adding to the repertoire. Its choral dances of rustic origin, which formerly had been danced in the open air but were now usually performed indoors, included an enormous variety of forms and patterns. It was written in straightforward, matter-of-fact language, with no discrimination of dances by social class. Its instructions could be understood and its dances performed by anyone. People could enjoy dancing as a playful, sportive activity rather than as an exercise of courtly etiquette. The English were particularly fond of the Morris dance. This dance may have received its name from the blackened faces of some of its participants, suggestive of the African Moors, but its origins were in the ancient ritual dances. It was a vigorous male dance, in the form of a dance procession through town streets. Its participants, in the disguises of such popular characters as the fool or the Queen of May, wore jingling bells around their ankles and sometimes galloped about on hobby horses. Other dancers wore antlers, tails, and similar animal masking. About the English country dances began to appear on the Continent, where they were somewhat formalized and sometimes substantially altered. In France they were named contredanses. These figure dances, which quickly spread to Spain, Germany, Poland, and other countries, were the dances of the rising middle class. By no means revolutionary in their content, they were nonetheless a distinct declaration of rationality and common sense in dance, a counterbalance to the artificialities and mannerisms of the aristocratic court dances. The orthodox dance teachers might bemoan the decline from the standards that were epitomized in the minuet, but the townspeople and peasants, unconcerned with such niceties, continued in their uncomplicated knowledge that dancing could be fun. There was the complete disapproval of those who saw only its inherent licentiousness, but from others came at least a tacit toleration of the obviously irrepressible urge to dance. The South, more heavily populated by colonists with aristocratic backgrounds, was generally more inclined to dance than the North, where religious fervour had motivated much of the migration from England. But what was allowed and even encouraged in Connecticut was strictly forbidden in Massachusetts. The general consensus was apparently that dancing in itself was not bad, but that no punishment could be severe enough for what was regarded as lascivious dancing. The Quakers, who had settled mainly in Pennsylvania, were very much against dancing, and in they complained bitterly about a dancing and fencing school being tolerated in Philadelphia. There were also dancing masters and dancing mistresses to instruct in and lead the dances that had been brought from the Old World. There were society balls in the cities along the coast, and on the inland frontiers the settlers of the widely scattered farmsteads often came together for exuberant feasting and social dancing. Here dancing was considered a socializing virtue expressed in this anonymous observation: I really know among us of no custom which is so

useful and tends so much to establish the union and the little society which subsists among us. Poor as we are, if we have not the gorgeous balls, the harmonious concerts, the shrill horn of Europe, yet we delight our hearts as well with the simple negro fiddle. What the colonists saw of American Indian dancing they found very strange and primitive, and there was virtually no exchange of dancing customs between the groups. The situation differed, however, with regard to the black slaves, who in the 17th century had brought their own songs and dances from their native lands in Africa. During religious holidays in New Amsterdam, blacks danced in the streets to the musical accompaniment of three-stringed fiddles and drums constructed from eel pots and covered with sheep-skins. Dutch families joined in the festivities. When New Amsterdam became New York, however, the English discouraged dancing between whites and blacks; blacks went on to develop the characteristic dance style that would so deeply affect social dancing in the 19th and 20th centuries. Early in the 18th century, rather rough theatrical entertainments, acts of acrobatic skill or pantomimes in which dances played an increasing role, began to spread through the American colonies. These often amateurish showings got a mighty boost when the first professional companies came from Europe, about the middle of the century, to perform plays and harlequinades with incidental dances. The rise of the waltz The age of the minuet was followed by that of the waltz. As the French Revolution approached, the minuet, a form that exuded the essence of earlier decades, died a natural death. The English country dances, expressing the self-satisfaction of the bourgeoisie, fared little better. They now looked to dance as a way to unleash deeper emotion, to satisfy the needs of body and soul, and to mobilize more vital and dynamic expression than that permitted by the sober and decorous rules of the dancing masters. The overflow of feeling and the striving for horizons broader than those understood by the traditional canons of French Rationalism were among the factors that generated the Romantic movement in the arts of Europe. This new direction was clearly expressed in the waltz, a dance filled with the Dionysian spirit. Like much of the spirit of the Romantic movement, the waltz was of German origin. It paralleled the Sturm und Drang movement in German literature, which featured the new forms of prose and poetry by Johann von Goethe and Friedrich Schiller. One of the most glowing advocates of the waltz was Goethe, who time and again praised it, nowhere more than in his novel *Die Leiden des Jungen Werthers*; *The Sorrows of Werther*, I was no longer a human being. Spread of the waltz The waltz started as a turning dance of couples. More than any other dance it appeared to represent some of the abstract values of the new era, the ideals of freedom, character, passion, and expressiveness. This may explain somewhat its eruption into the limelight of international popularity. This popularity was scaled in when it was brought to operatic stage. Vienna became the city of the waltz, for there it surpassed everything in wild fury.

**7: Feminism in Literature Women's Literature in the 19th Century - Essay - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)**

*American Women Poets and Poems Total Poets: A List of Famous American Women Poets includes Poems and Biographical information of the most Famous American Women Poets.*

Inventing Agency, Inventing Genre Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, The sitters are standing, left to right: Angelica Kauffmann, Catherine Macaulay, Elizabeth Montagu, Elizabeth Griffith In this wise and pre-eminently useful book, Paula Backscheider maps a group of genres women poets of the long 18th century found congenial and "shaped and developed" xviii in a distinctively female way. She explains which select groups of women get to write 81, and how they still come to write certain kinds of poems in censored or slanted ways xvii, , In the 18th and 19th century those printed and praised were presented as functioning to increase morality 8 , although by and large for women poetry functions as a form of "life-writing" and "a place [for women] to be themselves" 19, 26, She argues that for women writers we have not yet settled how to, or begun recognizing real or effective agency as opposed to imputed agency Such poems "had much to offer women because they often represented a person without political or public power, even an exile from decision-making" Using 18th century tropes the "happy woman" , women poets develop "a repertory of social selves" xxiv , enjoy imaginative self-realization, and independence of spirit for a more hidden identity The elegy when written by women is a literary genre for private contemplation, grieving, the expression of same-sex passion, entertainment, and public political intervention Her more generally applicable commentary is also invaluable. She is determined not to claim disabilities for women which critics and readers do not believe in: Her rhetorical goal is to persuade her readers to concede and to themselves publicize in turn crippling obstacles facing women writers: She has also chosen diplomatically to assume a generosity in her readership where there has been by her own account hardly any candor. However, she then treats historically-important, widely-circulated and neglected verse as good poetry: There are editions of the prose and poetry of say, Mary Robinson, Anna Barbauld, Helen Maria Williams, and to go just outside the era to an analogous second-rank presence for the 19th century , Felicia Hemans for more reasons than because "the private passions, tenacity, and press savvy" of well-connected editors persuaded publishers to produce them: Backscheider herself recognizes unquestionably major women writers have emerged for the 18th century: Mary Wortley Montagu and Charlotte Smith. Her tactful choice of genres functions restrictively. These are also to modern readers enjoyable living poems. Second, when Backscheider claims her chosen women are not conservative, she does so by ignoring fundamental issues. There is plenty of it. She maps her earlier women poets in an integrated landscape xxi-xxii: *The Making of a Canon, Romantic Women Poets*, Blackwell, Jeannine and Susanne Zantop, edd. *German Women Writers*, University of Nebraska Press, *Women Romantic Poets*, Colman, George and Thornton Bonnell. *Poems by Eminent Ladies*. Presses Universitaires de France, Dyce, Alexander. *Specimens of British Poetesses*. *British Women Poets of the Romantic Era. A Century of Sonnets*: University Press of New England, *British Women Poets She Wields a Pen: American Women Poets of the 19th Century. Recognition, Rejection and the Woman Poet*. *British Women Poets of the 19th Century. Women Writers and Poetic Identity. Women and Literature in Britain*, Kramer, Harriet Linkin, and Stephen Behrendt, edd. *Romanticism and Women Poets: Opening the Doors of Reception*. University Press of Kentucky, Leighton, Angela and Margaret Reynolds, edd. Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, *La Posie Feminine Franaise*. Prescott, Sarah and David E. *Women and Poetry*, *The "Other" Eighteenth Century: English Women of Letters*, *Women Writers of the Seventeenth Century*. University of Georgia Press, At the University Press, Gabriele Munter *Meditation*

**8: Female Writers in the 18th Century: The Power of Imagination - Inquiries Journal**

*She encouraged other women to volunteer their time to helping the poor and, as a result, increased women's influence in social work. However, although she advocated female education, she did so only in the context of an educated domesticity.*

Though modern feminism was nonexistent, many women expressed themselves and exposed the conditions that they faced, albeit often indirectly, using a variety of subversive and creative methods. The social structure of sixteenth century Europe allowed women limited opportunities for involvement; they served largely as managers of their households. Women were expected to focus on practical domestic pursuits and activities that encouraged the betterment of their families, and more particularly, their husbands. In most cases education for women was not advocated—it was thought to be detrimental to the traditional female virtues of innocence and morality. Women who spoke out against the patriarchal system of gender roles, or any injustice, ran the risk of being exiled from their communities, or worse; vocal unmarried women in particular were the targets of witch-hunts. Anne Hutchinson, who challenged the authority of Puritan clergy, was excommunicated for her outspoken views and controversial actions. Anne Askew, a well-educated, out-spoken English Protestant, was tried for heresy in ; her denial of transubstantiation was grounds for her imprisonment. She was eventually burned at the stake for her refusal to incriminate other Protestant court ladies. Elizabeth I ascended to the throne in , a woman who contradicted many of the gender roles of the age. She was well educated, having studied a variety of subjects including mathematics, foreign language, politics, and history. Elizabeth was an outspoken but widely respected leader, known for her oratory skills as well as her patronage of the arts. Despite the advent of the age of print, the literacy rate during this period remained low, though the Bible became more readily available to the lower classes. Religious study, though restricted to "personal introspection," was considered an acceptable pursuit for women, and provided them with another context within which they could communicate their individual ideas and sentiments. In addition to religious material, women of this period often expressed themselves through the ostensibly private forms of letters and autobiographies. The seventeenth century was not an era of drastic changes in the status or conditions of women. Women continued to play a significant, though not acknowledged, role in economic and political structures through their primarily domestic activities. Again, women who challenged societal norms and prejudices risked their lives—Mary Dyer was hanged for repeatedly challenging the Massachusetts law that banished Quakers from the colony. Though their influence was often denigrated, women participated in various community activities. For example, women were full members of English guilds; guild records include references to "brethern and sistern" and "freemen and freewomen. The eighteenth century brought the beginning of the British cultural revolution. The economic changes brought by the new middle class provided women with the opportunity to be more directly involved in commerce. Lower-to middle-class women often assisted their husbands in work outside the home. It was still thought unseemly for a lady to be knowledgeable of business so, though some class distinctions were blurring, the upper class was able to distinguish themselves from the rest of society. The rise in consumerism allowed the gentry to place a greater emphasis on changing fashion and "display," further distancing them from the middleclass. With the advent of changes in rules of fashion and acceptable mores within society, some women established a literary niche writing etiquette guides. Also due to the cultural revolution, mounting literacy rates among the lower classes caused an increase in publishing, including the rise of the periodical. Men and women of all classes found new means to express ideas in the wider publishing community. The act of professional writing, however, was still considered "vulgar" among the aristocracy. Significant colonial expansion during this period provided would-be writers with unique subject matter—letters written by women abroad discussed foreign issues and culture, and offered a detailed view of far-off lands. These letters were often circulated among members of an extended family, as well as in the larger community. Women such as Wollstonecraft advocated access to

education for women that was equal to that of their male counterparts. Marriage laws, which overwhelmingly favored men, also spurred public debate, though little was accomplished to reform laws during this period. Throughout the world, women took action to advance their political and social rights. Catherine continued to rule in an unconventional, independent manner, withdrawing from the men who made her ascension possible and remaining unmarried to ensure her power. Catherine was a shrewd politician, and used wide public support to enact laws that significantly altered the Russian political system. In France, Olympe de Gouges demanded equal rights for women in the new French Republic, and was eventually executed by guillotine in Madame Roland, who also met an untimely death in , influenced revolutionary politicians and thinkers during the French Revolution through her famous salon. Phillis Wheatley, an African-American slave, examined slavery and British imperialism in her poetry, and became a notable figure among abolitionists in America and abroad. Increasingly, women rebuked traditional roles and spoke out against the social and political inequalities they faced. The century closed with the deaths of visionaries such as Mary Wollstonecraft and Catherine the Great, and the births of a new breed of female writers and scholars.

## 9: 19th Century American Poets and Poems

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