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To truly understand and appreciate how we as an ethnos arrived at where we are today, it is necessary to go back much further in time. We as a people are the end product of countless millennia of amalgamating numerous peoples into one. Like ingredients in a stew, each added something unique to the mix, and each in turn, is worthy of mention. The true history of Southern Italy begins, not just before the founding of the Regno, but long before the beginning of civilization itself. Paleontological evidence indicates the first members of the genus Homo entered what is now Southern Italy during the period of time we call the Lower Paleolithic c. These hominids, members of the species Homo erectus, left numerous stone axes at the site of Monte Poggiolo near Forli in Northern Italy roughly , years ago. A femur of H. Interestingly, deposits on this bone indicate the individual suffered from yaws, a disease scientists believe erectids took with them to Europe when they left Africa. Much later, another hominid species, Homo heidelbergensis, wound up in Southern Italy, supplanting the earlier erectids with their larger brains and superior tool technology. One of the most spectacular pieces of evidence of Homo heidelbergensis habitation in Southern Italy can be found in Roccamonfina Regional Park just to the north of Naples in the province of Caserta. Scientists believe, owing to the size of the footprints and their being in lava, that they belonged to children who were fleeing an eruption. Most archaeologists believe H. Neanderthal man and Homo sapiens, the latter being the species to which we belong. Whether in fact it is proper to call Neanderthals a separate species of humans as opposed to being merely a subspecies of H. Southern Italy on more than one occasion became a refuge for Neanderthals, mainly due to the fact its location allowed it to avoid the advance of ice sheets during the last two glacial periods. One problem among researchers who study our ancestors is what became of the Neanderthals. Various hypotheses have been put forward, but since the fossil record is fragmentary at best, the truth may never be known with a certainty. In the Darwinian struggle for existence this superior intelligence gave them an evolutionary advantage. Science corrects itself constantly as new evidences emerge. Researchers have long believed Neanderthals, who created the so-called Mousterian culture , BP to 30, BP of stone tools, were incapable of producing any new technologies without first coming into contact with early modern humans. Several years ago, however, archaeologists announced the discovery of evidence in the form of some teeth and part of a skull that would seem to indicate the so-called Uluzzian culture of Southern Italy 30, BP was the independent creation of a holdout population of Neanderthals. The Neanderthals of Southern Italy were surrounded on three sides by water and by another, more primitive culture of Neanderthals to the north proto-Padanians, perhaps? The relics associated with the Uluzzian culture showed definite refinement over earlier Mousterian ones. More recent evidence, though, casts doubt on that hypothesis. Chronometric analysis of two deciduous teeth done at the University of Oxford shows the teeth dated between 45,, BP did not belong to Neanderthals as previously believed, but belonged, in fact, to European Early Modern Humans. The researchers involved were also quick to point out that even without the Uluzzian culture to call their own, Neanderthals were undoubtedly a lot more intelligent than most people have been led to believe. Though they have long since vanished as a distinct people, their genes survive in us. So in a sense, a part of their legacy lives on.

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The Morbidelli Museum in Pesaro, Italy. Sometimes we find important motorcycle stuff in the least likely places. Pesaro is a sleepy little Italian city (population less than ,) on the Adriatic coast just about 1/3 of the way down the Italian peninsula and more or less directly east of Florence.

Sometimes we find important motorcycle stuff in the least likely places. Tourism, fishing, and the furniture industry are staples of the local economy. Graziano Rossi, father of many time world champion Valentino Rossi, is a native of Pesaro. Jump back to that last comment about the furniture industry. Craftsmen working in wood require a variety of special tools – both manual and machine tools as well. Beginning in the 50cc class the tiny Pesaro based firm began entering Grand Prix races throughout Europe. By they were winning races in the cc class with a liquid cooled, rotary valve bike entirely of their own design. A class championship was added in Morbidellis were successfully raced in various categories up until All the while, Giancarlo Morbidelli was also quietly gathering up a substantial collection of significant motorcycles, both street and racing, which have now come to be displayed in his own private museum. But make no mistake, there are a wide number of marques on display from Harley Davidson, the the big four Japanese, and a vast selection of other Europeans, to a wide variety of tiny Italian brands seldom seen here in the USA such as Linto, Ringhini, and Cimatti. The Morbidelli Museum is literally a complete compendium of motorcycling from just after the dawn of the 20th centruy through the s. Below are just a few pics from my recent visit and private tour conducted by Giancarlo Morbidelli himself, now well into his 80s. Sadly, the Morbidelli Museum does not keep regular hours but, if you ever have occasion to travel in this part of Italy, see if you can arrange a visit. The pertinent contact info, as well as a lot more information and pictures can be found at [http:](http://) Among the most famous of Morbidellis, the cc V Check out the name on the windscreen. I believe it is legally required in Italy for any motorcycle museum to have some manner of tribute to Valentino Rossi! The museum is not just filled with motorcycles but fascinating memorabilia. A very complete selection of historic Morbidelli racing motorcycles fills an entire separate gallery. The Morbidelli racing gallery also includes an extensive collection of racing souvenirs and memorabilia. In , during the height World War II, Benelli kept themselves occupied with this – a four cylinder, liquid cooled, supercharged cc bike that made over 50 hp at 13, rpm. Talk about technically advanced! One last look at the rows upon rows of incredible historic motorcycles at the Morbidelli Museum. If the opportunity ever presents itself you need to visit this museum! Again, more info and pics can be found at [http:](http://)

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The Italian language has been a widely spoken language in the United States of America for more than one hundred years, due to large-scale immigration beginning in the late 19th century. Today it is the eighth most spoken language in the country.

It was in this prosaic and pragmatic atmosphere that the middle classes "bored with the unheroic and positivist spirit of former decades" began to feel the need for a new myth. Perhaps his most influential work was his literary criticism, which he expounded and continually revised in articles and books spanning nearly half a century. Unfortunately, his highly systematized approach to criticism led to a certain rigidity and a refusal to recognize the merits of some obviously important writers, and this was undoubtedly one reason why after World War II his authority waned. His monumental corpus of philosophical, critical, and historical works of great scholarship, humour, and common sense remains, however, the greatest single intellectual feat in the history of modern Italian culture. Literary trends before World War I While Croce was starting his arduous task, literary life revolved mainly around reviews such as *Leonardo*, *Hermes*, *La Voce*, and *Lacerba*, founded and edited by relatively small literary coterie. The leader of the Futurists was Filippo Tommaso Marinetti, editor of *Poesia*, a fashionable cosmopolitan review. This led to an excessive cult of form in the narrow sense "as exemplified by the elegant but somewhat bloodless essays *elzeviri* published in Italian newspapers on page three" and obviously fitted in with the stifling of free expression under fascism. The sterility of this period, however, should not be exaggerated. The 20 years of fascist rule were hardly conducive to creativity, but in the dark picture there were a few glimmers of light. Meanwhile, the Florentine literary reviews *Solaria*, *Frontespizio*, and *Letteratura*, while having to tread carefully with the authorities, provided an outlet for new talent. Novelists such as Alberto Moravia, Corrado Alvaro Gente in *Aspromonte* [; *Revolt in Aspromonte*], and Carlo Bernari had to use circumspection in stating their views but were not completely silenced. The controversial Ignazio Silone, having chosen exile, could speak openly in *Fontamara*. Courtesy of the Italian Institute, London To multiply the fragmentation of levels of reality, Pirandello tried to destroy conventional dramatic structures and to adopt new ones: This was a way of transferring the dissociation of reality from the plane of content to that of form, thereby achieving an almost perfect unity between ideas and dramatic structure. Pirandello was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The Hermetic movement Poetry in the fascist period underwent a process of involution, partly influenced by French Symbolism, with its faith in the mystical power of words, and partly under the stress of changed political conditions after World War I, during which literature had declined. Many poets of the wartime generation, weary of tradition and rhetoric, had been seeking new expression: Out of those efforts grew a poetry combining the acoustic potentialities of words with emotional restraint and consisting mainly of fragmentary utterances in which words were enhanced by contextual isolation and disruption of syntactic and semantic links. The resultant obscurity compensated poets for loss of influence in a society subservient to dictatorship by turning them into an elite and allowed some, notably Eugenio Montale who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in , to express their pessimism covertly. The model for these poets was Giuseppe Ungaretti. Born, like the Futurist Marinetti, of Italian parents in the cosmopolitan Egyptian seaport of Alexandria, Ungaretti studied in Paris, where among his friends were the avant-garde poet Guillaume Apollinaire and the painters Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. In these poems each word is pronounced in isolation, as if a petrified, shell-shocked language had to be invented from scratch. This allusive and hieratic poetry recovers many elements of the tradition and couches them in a splendid but opaque diction. Thus, what in the s had appeared revolutionary proved later to be only another facet of the formalistic Petrarchan tradition. Against this background of refinement, obscurity, and unreality, only the simple and moving poems of the Triestine poet Umberto Saba preserved an immediate appeal. This development had been foreshadowed by some writers under fascism. In Alberto Moravia had written a scathing indictment of middle-class moral indifference, *Gli indifferenti*; *Time of Indifference*. The *Harvesters*; and Elio Vittorini wrote *Conversazione in Sicilia*; *Conversation in Sicily*; all definitely promised a new literary development. Certain English authors, the homegrown *veristi*, and the ideas of Marxism were

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also an influence on postwar authors, to whom in varying degrees the rather imprecise label of Neorealism applied also to postwar Italian cinema was attached. It was a stimulating time in which to write, with a wealth of unused material at hand. The Estate in Abruzzi]. The Naked Streets] and Metello [; Eng. The Priest Among the Pigeons. Other writings Literary tastes gradually became less homogeneous. On the one hand, there was the rediscovery of the experimentalism of Carlo Emilio Gadda , whose best works had been written between and For this reason, it is easier to see Italian writing in terms of individual territory rather than general trends. Italo Calvino concentrated on fantastic tales Il visconte dimezzato [; The Cloven Viscount], Il barone rampante [; The Baron in the Trees], and Il cavaliere inesistente [; The Nonexistent Knight] and, later, on moralizing science fiction Le cosmicomiche [; Cosmicomics] and Ti con zero [; t zero]. Meanwhile, Alberto Moravia and Mario Soldati defended their corners as never less than conspicuously competent writers. Moravia generally plowed a lone furrow. Of his mature writings, Agostino ; Eng. Empty Canvas stand out as particular achievements. Set in Rome during the years 1947, the combination of fact and allegory is a tour de force and one of the most remarkable narrative works that came out of Italy after World War II. Palomar , continue to explore the possibilities and limitations of literature and its attempt to represent our world. The end of the century Poetry after World War II Paradoxically, of all the forms of writing, poetry seems to be the form that was most vibrant during the second half of the 20th century, although one late 20th-century critic remarked that there might have been more poets in Italy than readers of poetry. Cucchi and Giovanardi recognized that, in talking about the new poetry, they had to take into account the older, established poets who continued to write and publish verse in their mature years and who inevitably influenced the emerging poets. Poets of the so-called Fourth Generationâ€”from the title of a anthology of postwar verse edited by Pietro Chiara and Luciano Erbaâ€”include Erba himself and the poet and filmmaker Nelo Risi, both of them Milanese, as well as the Italian Swiss Giorgio Orelli. Other Fourth Generation poets of note are epigrammatist Bartolo Cattafi; Rocco Scotellaro, poet of the southern peasant and the most convincing practitioner of Neorealism in verse; the eloquent soliloquist and elegant metricist Maria Luisa Spaziani; Umberto Bellintani, who, though he continued to write, quit publishing in ; and the hypersensitive Alda Merini, for whose work critics find the oxymoron Christian paganism, joyful grief, religious eroticism, mortal liveliness a useful figure. During the s several younger poets began publishing. Trained as a psychoanalyst, Cesare Viviani made a Dadaist debut, but he went on to express in his later work an almost mystical impulse toward the transcendent. Maurizio Cucchi was another Milanese poet and critic assimilable to the linea lombarda; when faced with the collapse of the greater constructs, he found solace in little things. Also notable are Mario Santagostini, whose early work described the drab outskirts of his native Milan but who moved on to more metaphysical monologues, and Biancamaria Frabotta, who combined militant feminism with an elevated lyric diction tending toward the sublime. Experimentalism and the new avant-garde In there appeared the important anthology-manifesto I Novissimi: As with previous avant-garde movements, starting with Futurism, the members of the enlarged Gruppo 63 , who insisted on the inseparability of literature and politics, proposed to subvert the inertia of a repressive tradition through a revolution in language. The traditional literary language, they claimed, was the medium of bourgeois hegemony , and a radical change in the language of literature would somehow shake off the oppression of the military-industrial complex and lead to a general social and political liberation. This does not seem to have happened, and with the passage of time the members of the group dispersed, going off in different individual directions as their concerns became less public and more personal. He first experimented in this direction when he was invited by Federico Fellini to collaborate on the screenplay of Casanova Another isolated experimental poet was polyglot Amelia Rosselli, who was born in Paris and was a resident of London and New York City before living in Rome. A musician who developed a complex metrical theory based on notions derived from musical theory, Rosselli published a volume of poetry in English Sleep [] in addition to her work in Italian. After her suicide in , the reputation of this troubled poet continued to grow. Dialect poetry A remarkable aspect of 20th-century poetry composed in Italy was the proliferation of cultivated poets who rejected what they saw as the pollution, inauthenticity, and debased currency of the national language. They chose to express an up-to-the-minute nonfolkloristic content, not in supraregional standard Italian but in a local dialect, seen as purer or closer to reality. Italy has always had a

tradition of dialect poetry. During the 19th century two of the greatest writers of the period of romantic realism, Carlo Porta and Giuseppe Gioachino Belli, made the oppressed common people of Milan and of Rome, respectively, the protagonists of their works. Napoli Milionaria and Filumena Marturano, film; Eng. Filumena, which, though written in his native Neapolitan dialect, paradoxically achieved international success. Among the last champions of the primacy of the written theatrical text were Pasolini and the Milanese expressionist Giovanni Testori, an uncompromising extremist who progressed from narrative fiction to the theatre and from subproletarian Neorealism to violent Roman Catholic mysticism. Otherwise, late 20th-century Italian theatre was dominated more by innovative directors and performers than by noteworthy new plays. Women writers The feminine condition both contemporary and historical, autobiography, female psychology, and family history and relationships are among the insistent themes of the remarkable number of accomplished women writers active in Italy throughout the 20th century. Among those whose writing in the late 19th and early 20th centuries laid the groundwork for subsequent women writers were Milanese popular novelist Neera pseudonym of Anna Zuccari; Neapolitan journalist Matilde Serao, the best of whose 16 social novels is *Il paese di cuccagna*; *The Land of Cockayne*; humanitarian socialist poet and fiction writer Ada Negri; and anticonformist feminist activist Sibilla Aleramo pseudonym of Rina Faccio, best known for her autobiographical novel *Una donna*; *A Woman*. Antifascist Natalia Levi wrote under the last name of her husband, the critic Leone Ginzburg, who died in a fascist jail not long after they were married. Her fiction, best exemplified by *Lessico familiare*; *Family Sayings*, explores the memories of childhood and middle-class family relationships. *A Childhood in Fascist Italy*. In such later novels as *Voci*; *Voices* and *Buio*; *Darkness* she turned to the popular genre of detective fiction to explore the problem of violence against women. In Rome, Maraini founded the feminist theatre collective *La Maddalena*, for which she subsequently composed more than 60 plays. The case of Gesualdo Bufalino is not dissimilar to that of Satta. He went on to publish several other novels. A truly postmodern phenomenon is that of Umberto Eco, a University of Bologna professor, philosopher, and semiotician who progressed from analyzing genres and deconstructing texts composed by others to synthesizing and constructing his own. Their novel *Q*; Eng. *Q* narrates the clash between Roman Catholic and Protestant religious extremists and opportunists in 16th-century Reformation Europe. In novels such as *Macno*; Eng. *Macno* and *Yucatan*; Eng. His career culminated with the reflections on grief, sickness, and death of *Camere separate*; *Separate Rooms*. Also notable are the short stories and short novels of Antonio Tabucchi—for example, *Notturmo indiano*; *Indian Nocturne* and *Piccoli equivoci senza importanza*; *Little Misunderstandings of No Importance*. His *Sostiene Pereira*; *Pereira Declares*: Two of the most disinterested and earnestly reflective of the younger writers were Sebastiano Vassalli and especially Gianni Celati. Vassalli gradually distanced himself from the more radical experimentalism of Gruppo 63 so as to better exploit his gift for storytelling. *La notte della cometa*; *The Night of the Comet* is a fictionalized biography of the early 20th-century Orphic poet Dino Campana, while in the Strega Prize-winning *La chimera*; *The Chimera*, perhaps taking a cue from historian Carlo Ginzburg as well as from Alessandro Manzoni, he reconstructs a 17th-century witch trial. The work of antic surrealists Ermanno Cavazzoni and Daniele Benati, who collaborated with Celati on the periodical *Il semplice*, combines Keaton, Franz Kafka, and echoes of the fantastic world of the romances of Ariosto and Matteo Boiardo and the macaronic parodies written by Teofilo Folengo. Crime, seen from the point of view of the perpetrator, the victim, the avenger, or the investigator, formed the backbone of much Italian narrative at the turn of the 21st century. An English and American invention, the genre was, however, not without its classical Italian practitioners. The volumes of abstract theorization subsequently produced by defenders of the new style often reflected the fact that in Italian the loanword pulp does not bring with it the English connotations of the facile, shoddy, and cheap potboiler. No evidence of innocence exists in the microcosm described by Simona Vinci. Her *Dei bambini non si sa niente*; Eng. *The novel is set in Bologna*, where police inspector Grazia Negro tracks a serial murderer who, chameleon-like, takes on the characteristics of his victims. Facing the new millennium The year came and went without apocalypse. Meanwhile, in Italy a chain—the great chain, so to speak, of the centuries of civilization—had been broken. The sequence of designations for the centuries—Duecento, Trecento, Quattrocento, and so on—that had accompanied and defined the phases of

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classical Italian culture since its late medieval stirrings reached its terminus with the close of the Novecento, or 20th century. The first century of the new millennium would have no such convenient and reassuring label. Literary and artistic historians, as they snipped year lengths from the chain and displayed their common characteristics, were always careful to stress the seamless continuity that actually underlay this segmenting and the artificiality of these convenient chronological divisions, which had been introduced, they were at pains to point out, for purely didactic purposes.

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The second half of the fourteenth century saw the flowering of Middle English literature in the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer, William Langland, and the Gawain poet. Summaries The Middle Ages designates the time span from the collapse of the Roman Empire to the Renaissance and Reformation, and the adjective "medieval" refers to whatever was made, written, or thought during the Middle Ages. The Middle Ages was a period of enormous historical, social, and linguistic change, despite the continuity of the Roman Catholic Church. In literary terms, the period can be divided into the Anglo-Saxon period c. Linguistic and cultural changes in Britain were accelerated by the Norman Conquest in 1066, when words from French began to enter the English vocabulary. Awareness of a uniquely English literature did not actually exist before the late fourteenth century. In this period English finally began to replace French as the language of government. Britain was largely Christian during the Roman occupation. After the withdrawal of the Roman legions in the fifth century, three Germanic tribes invaded Britain: The conversion of these people to Christianity began in 430, with the arrival of St. Augustine. Before Christianity, there had been no books. Germanic heroic poetry continued to be performed orally in alliterative verse. Christian writers like the Beowulf poet looked back on their pagan ancestors with a mixture of admiration and sympathy. The world of Old English poetry is often elegiac. Four languages co-existed in the realm of Anglo-Norman England. Latin remained the "international" language of learning, theology, science, and history. The Norman aristocracy spoke French, but intermarriage with native English nobility and everyday exchange between masters and servants encouraged bilingualism. Celtic languages were spoken in Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, and Brittany. Romance, designating stories about love and adventure, was the principle narrative genre for late medieval readers. By the year 1400, both poetry and prose were being written for sophisticated and well-educated readers whose primary language was English. Wars and plague devastated England in the fourteenth century, but these calamities did not stem the growth of trade or the power of the merchant class. Chaucer drew from the work of illustrious medieval Italian writers such as Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio, as well as ancient Roman poets. Chaucer had an ideal of great poetry, but he also viewed that ideal ironically and distanced himself from it. In the fifteenth century two religious women, Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe, allow us to see the church and its doctrines from female points of view. Near the close of the period, Sir Thomas Malory gave the definitive form in English to the legend of King Arthur and his knights.

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Impact of Renaissance on Prose,â€ Renaissance and its implications The Revival of Learning denotes, in its broadest sense, the gradual enlightenment of the human mind after the darkness of the Middle Ages. The names Renaissance and Humanism are often applied to the same movement. Broadly speaking, the Renaissance implies that re-awakening of learning which came to Europe in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The Renaissance was not only English but a European phenomenon, and basically considered, it signaled a thorough substitution of the medieval habits of thought by new attitudes. The dawn of Renaissance came first to Italy and a little later to France. To England it came much later, roughly about the beginning of the sixteenth century. In Italy, the impact of Greek learning was felt after the Turkish conquest of Constantinople the Greek scholars fled and took refuge in Italy carrying with them a vast treasure of ancient Greek literature in manuscript. The study of this literature fired the soul and imagination of the Italy of that time and created a new kind of intellectual and aesthetic culture quite different from the Middle Ages. Firstly, the renaissance meant the death of the medieval scholasticism which had for long been keeping human thoughts in bondage. The schoolmen got themselves entangled in useless controversies and tried to apply the principles of Aristotelian philosophy to the doctrines of Christianity, thus giving birth to vast literature. Secondly, it signaled a revolt against spiritual authority-the authority of the Pope. The Reformation though not a part of the revival of learning, was yet a companion movement in England. This defiance, of spiritual authority went hand and hand with that of intellectual authority, Renaissance intellectuals distinguished themselves by their flagrant anti-authoritarianism. Thirdly, the Renaissance implied a greater perception of beauty and polish in the Greek and Latin scholars. This beauty and this polish were sought by Renaissance men of letters to be incorporated in their native literature. Lastly, the renaissance marked a change from the theocentric to the homocentric conception of the universe. Human values came to be recognized as permanent values, and they were sought to be enriched and illuminated by the heritage of antiquity. This brought a new kind of Paganism and marked the rise of humanism and also by implication, materialism. Erasmus was a Dutchman who, came to Oxford to learn Greek. His chief work was *The Praise of Folly* which is the English translation of his most important work written in England. Erasmus wrote this work in It was the first book written by an Englishman which achieved European fame; but it was written in Latin and only later was translated into English. By the picture of the ideal state is implied a kind of social criticism of contemporary island. However, More seems also to be indebted to the then recent discoveries of the explorers and navigators like Vasco da Gama-who were mostly of Spanish and Portuguese nationalities. In *Utopia*, More discredits medievalism in all its implications and exalts the ancient Greek culture. Passing on to the prose writers of the Elizabethan age- the age of the flowering of the Renaissance- we find them markedly influenced both in their style and thought-content by the revival of antique classical learning. Sydney in *Arcadia*, Lyly in *Euphues*, and Hooker in *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* write the English which is away from the language of common speech; and is either too heavily laden- as in case of Lyly and Sydney- with bits of classical finery, or modeled on Latin syntax. Further in his own career and his *Essays*, Bacon stands as a representative of the materialistic, Machiavellian facet of the Renaissance, particularly of the Renaissance Italy. He combines in himself the dispassionate pursuit of truth and the keen desire for material advance. After Chaucer the spirit of English poetry had slumbered for upward of a century. The change in pronunciation in the fifteenth century had created a lot of confusion in prosody which in the practice of such important poets as Lydgate and Skeleton had been reduced to a mockery. Wyatt had travelled extensively in Italy and France and had come under the spell of Italian Renaissance. It must be remembered that the work of Wyatt and Surrey does not reflect the impact of the Rome of antiquity alone, but also that of modern Italy. So far as the versification is concerned, Wyatt and Surrey imported into England various new Italian metrical patterns. Further, they were highly

influenced by the love poetry of Petrarch and they did their best to imitate it. It goes to the credit of Wyatt to have introduced the sonnet into the English literary, and of Surrey to have first written blank verse, both the sonnet and blank verse were later to be practiced by a vast number of the best English poets. Wyatt wrote in all thirty-two sonnets, out of which seventeen are adaptations of Petrarch. Only in the last three he comes near what is called the Shakespearean formula, that is, three quatrains and a couplet. In the thirteenth sonnet, he exactly produced it; this sonnet rhymes a b a b, a b a b, a b a b, c c. Surrey wrote about fifteen or sixteen sonnets out of which ten use the Shakespearean formula which was to enjoy the greatest popularity among the sonneteers of the sixteenth century. Surreys work is characterized by exquisite grace and tenderness which we find missing from that of Wyatt. Moreover, he is a better craftsman and gives greater harmony to his poetry. Surrey employed blank verse in his translation of the fourth book of The Aeneid, the work which was first translated into English verse by Gavin Douglas a generation earlier, but in heroic couplets. The revival of ancient classical learning scored its first clear impact on England drama in the middle of the sixteenth century. Previous to this impact there had been a pretty vigorous native tradition of drama, particularly comedy. This tradition had its origin in the liturgical drama and had progressed through the miracle and the mystery, and later the morality, to the interlude. John Heywood had written quite a few vigorous interludes, but they were altogether different in tone, spirit, and purpose from the Greek and Roman drama of antiquity. The first English regular tragedy Gorboduc and comedy Ralph Roister Doister were very much imitations of the classical tragedy and comedy. Gorboduc is slavish imitation of Senecan tragedy and has all its features without much of its life. Like Senecan tragedy it has revenge as the tragic motive, has most of its important incidents, narrated on the stage by messengers, has much of rhetoric and verbose declamation, has a ghost among its dramatis personae, and so forth. They refused to copy Roman drama as slavishly as the writers of Gorboduc and Roister Doister. Even so, their plays are not free from the impact of the Renaissance; rather they show it as amply, though not in the same way. In their imagination, they were all fired by the new literature which showed them new dimensions of human capability. In this respect, Marlowe stands in the fore-front of the University Wits.

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Poet Iftikhar Arif was crestfallen. It would be wrong to box him as a humorist. He was more than that. He was a great prose writer. He was unique and his contemporaries wholeheartedly acknowledged his greatness. Just like there was no other example like that of Faiz Ahmed Faiz [among his contemporaries], he was one of his kind. People remember his paragraphs [not just sentences or lines] like the way they memorise good couplets. Also, he led a pure, uncontroversial life. He never became part of any literary clique. I thought of him as my teacher, my father. Those essays were subsequently compiled into a book, Chiragh Taley. Some thought that since he had acquired education from Aligarh University, he was influenced by the likes of Rasheed A. But later he proved that he was different and therefore was appreciated by the readers. At times it felt that his lines and phrases were laboured, but actually it was to do with his craftsmanship. There were influences of James Thurber and Art Buchwald on his writings, though. Readers have memorised not just his lines but entire essays. He was the kind of humorist and satirist who is known and recognised in all those regions of the world where Urdu is understood. The way he used to pen a sentence was exemplary. This feeling was echoed by eminent playwright Haseena Moin. I had known him for a long time, from the time when I was in college. He was a relative of one of my friends. Whatever he wrote was of great quality.

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The most important prose writers who exhibit well the influence of the Renaissance on English prose are Erasmus, Sir Thomas More, Lyly, Sydney. Erasmus was a Dutchman who, came to Oxford to learn Greek.

I found it masterful, thoroughly researched, and bestowed with a well-crafted and colorful narrative. It brings the war, with its scalding heat and contrasting cold nights of the desert turned bitter with icy winds; and gifts the readers with tales about the protagonists, depositing them right on the battlefields. Thus, it enables us to hear the sounds of fighting and dying with the cries of the wounded. It is incomparably serene. Serene, but not for long. Throughout, the commanders competed with and criticized each other, led many times by politics and not common sense or military strategy, generating unimaginable tragedies and casualties that could probably have been avoided. The Americans were unprepared. The main impression I came away with was just how poorly prepared the U. From the start problems and errors started to accumulate. To begin with, the landing on the beaches was extremely problematic, not a single transport could be found in the right location, and some were six miles out of position. Again lost, the troops had to go on. Major Robert Moore, former Boy captain from Villisca, hours after landing found himself and his inexperienced regiment in Lambiridi, just west of Algiers. He heard gunfire and a machine gun overlooking the road killed two soldiers and wounded two more. Another machine gun killed more soldiers wounding a captain. Moore rose for a look, suddenly he was on his back, stunned and confused. Moore unsnapped his own chin strap and removed his helmet. That was a lesson not to be forgotten, For the first time, Moore realized how frightened he was. Even nameless skirmishes could be lethal. Some lessons were fundamental: But the others involved the nature of combat and leadership: In the beginning they were fighting the Vichy French, which they erroneously expect not to fight at all. However, Franco-American amity was rapidly reestablished. Algiers was fairly easy to conquer; later the capture of Oran required more fighting but gave the Allies virtual possession of Algeria. But even the cautious commander felt a little cocky: They seemed unprepared for what they were facing. For one, they believed they were being forced into a war that was not theirs; and, once bullets started flying many were too frightened to fire their weapons. Thus, running to the rear screaming seemed natural to expect. That did not help morale. The result was vastly favorable to the Germans, affording them in the beginning easy victories. Light snow fell on the Americans and British soldiers picking their way through Kasserine Pass on the morning of February The desolate landscape was "cluttered with wrecked German and American airplanes, burned out vehicles, abandoned tanks, [and] scattered shell cases," Robinett reported. Ratio tins, unfinished love letters, a pair of boxing gloves: On learning how to win a war The men had seen things they could never imagine before: The list is endless. As a result, They were becoming hard-bitten. They had learned that combat was slower than expected, a choreography of feint, thrust, withdrawal, and parry; that the battlefield often seemed empty and lonely; that death was ubiquitous, a fifth element to air, fire, water and earth. True, they did not hate yet; but they were developing the capacity for hatred, which required a nihilistic core of resignation and rage. Undoubtedly, the American troops had finally attained the right demeanor for war: They had made the psychological transition from their normal belief that taking human life was sinful, over to a new professional outlook where killing was a craft. As command was transferred the American forces were learning how to fight. Their ultimate success came in when the Germans were defeated, now the Americans had a core of soldiers, over , men, who knew how to kill and would put that to use in Italy and France. Plus Eisenhower had learned his first lessons on how to run a war. Atkinson presents a remarkable detailed picture of the African campaign, with an unrelenting focus on the very human men who managed, or were learning to manage, the war. There is everything you would expect to read about when considering men: All together his prose helps to make this a very compelling story. To deal with the inevitable traffic fatalities a sliding scale of reparations was established, paid the oversize French currency GIs called wallpaper: On the whole, the Germans were simply better at fighting a war. Well, they had been at war for over two years. Ultimately, the overwhelming materiel superiority of the Allies was defining. It seems they could afford to make mistakes. The prodigies of American industrial muscle and organizational acumen began to tell. From February to March , ships sailed to

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Africa with 84, troops, 24, vehicles and a million tons of cargo. The Germans were fortunate to slip a handful of ships across the straits from Sicily against Allied bombing. Arrogance, error, inexperience, and 70, allied casualties served to strengthen the Americans: Generals sacrificed troops as they learn how to command; mid-level officers did or died; support troops built desert cities; and the troops learn to hate or be killed. Yes, it is in fact an army at dawn, with a Supreme Commander that balances politics and war and often comes up short. In trying to serve as both supreme commander and field general, he had mastered neither job. The fault was his, and it would enlarge him for bigger battles on future fields. But it was not his fault alone. Mistakes clattered down the line, along with bad luck, bad timing, and the other handmaidens of havoc. So, Eisenhower learned to command and the troops learned not only to hate but kill more effectively. Mainly that nothing, absolutely nothing goes according to plan. And, ultimately, the important thing is not how you play the game, it is whether you win or lose.

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