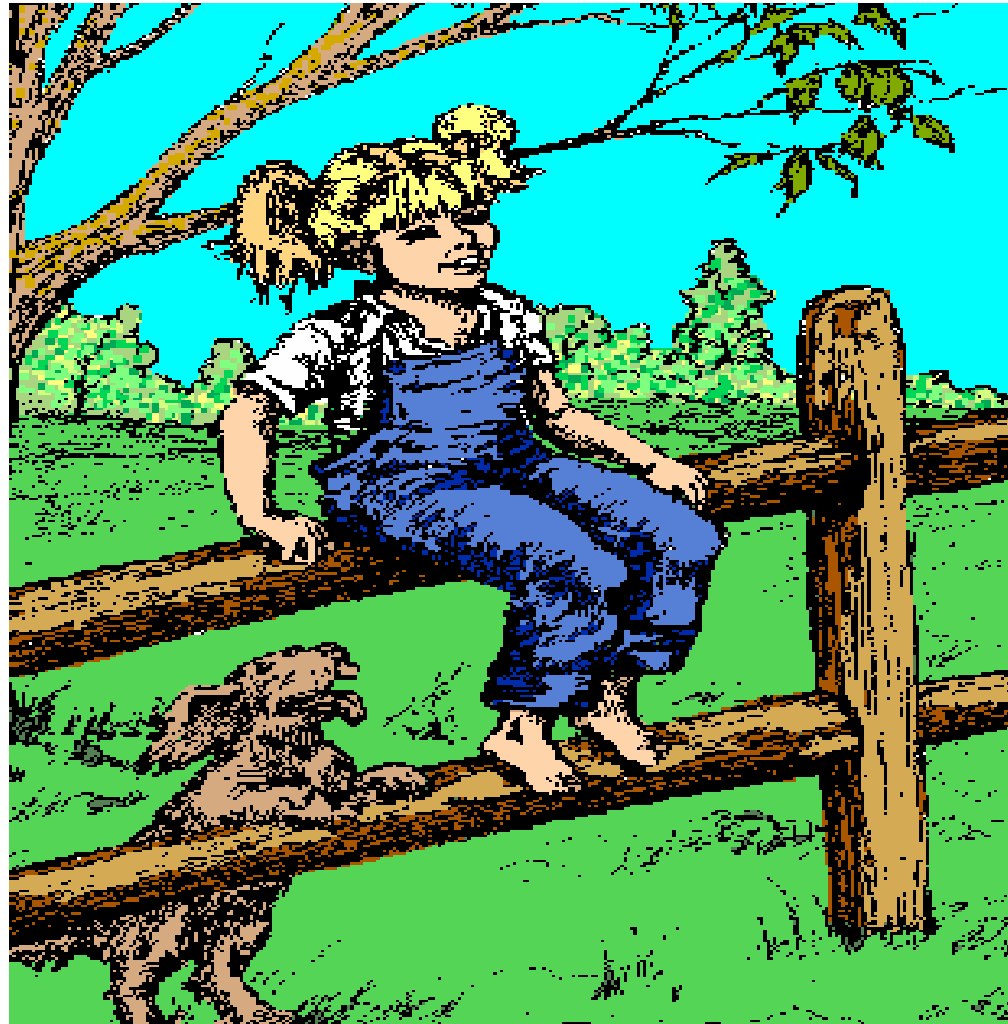


# Historical Literature



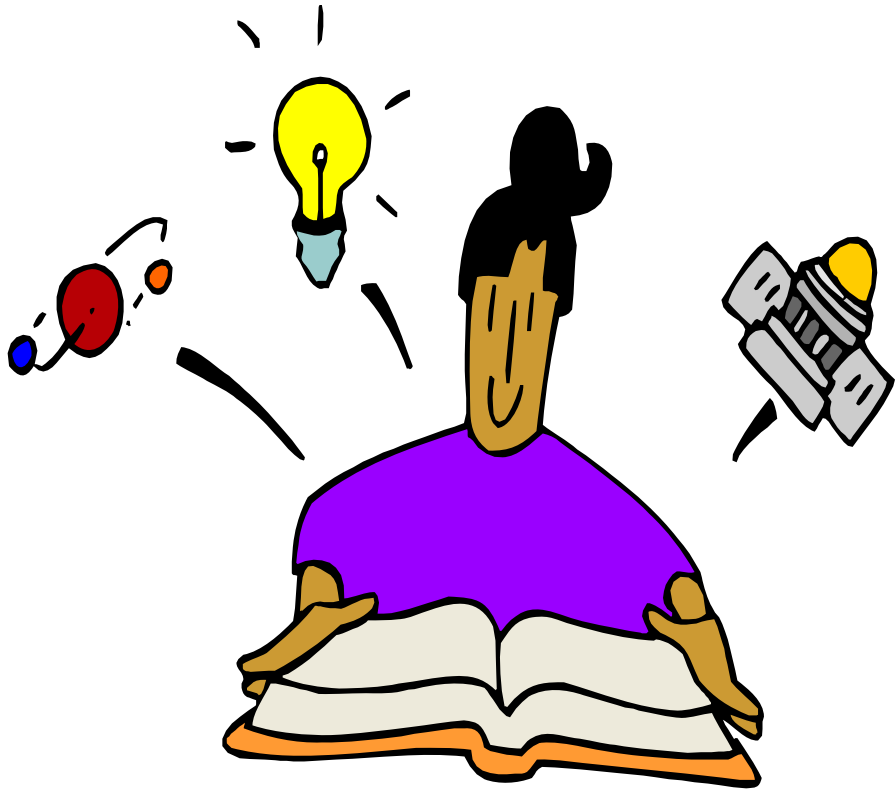
# Henry Seidel Canby

Historical [literature], like history, is more likely to register an exact truth about the writer's present than the exact truth of the past.

# Michael Kamman

Throughout American history, facts have been transformed into myths and myths transformed into beliefs.

# Historical Fiction



- Curiosity
- Suspense
- Mystery
- adventure

# Judging Historical Literature

- Accurate setting
- Authentic rendition of time, place, and people
- Mistake proof creativity
- Believable characters
- Evidence that people are more alike than different
- Accurate references to people, events, places
- Readers know time period through the story
- Interesting story
- Authentic language

# Making Connections



# The World at WAR



# War Nonfiction

- *Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War*
- *The Cage*
- *The Hiding Place*
- *The Things They Carried*
- *At the Heart of the White Rose*
- *My Father, My Son*
- *The Vietnam Photo Book*
- *Blood and Honor*
- *Touch Wood: A Girlhood in Occupied France*
- *The Diary of a Young Girl*



# Movies about War

- *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- *The Americanization of Emily*
- *Attack*
- *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*
- *The Execution of Private Slovik*
- *Glory*
- *Platoon*
- *Saving Private Ryan*
- *The Red Badge of Courage*
- *Midway*

# Fiction (War)

- Almost always more interesting “people” focus
- Center on physical and psychological suffering
- Death lurks
- War seen in slow motion
- NEW female characters

# War Fiction

- *Number the Stars*
- *My Brother Sam is Dead*
- *Shadow of the Wall*
- *Pack of Wolves*
- *Fredrick*
- *The Room Upstairs*

# Other Historical Literature

- *Letters from a Slave Girl*
- *Runaway to Freedom*
- *Onion John*

# Autobiographies and Personal Experiences



# Illness and Death

- Y/A preoccupied with death (eternal mystery)
- True stories (survival)
- Jill Krementz (*How it Feels to. . .*)
- Stories about famous people and not so famous who reached goals
- Dramatic and humorous
- Not suicide

# And More

- Adventures
- Successes
- Career stories
- Overcome life's difficulties
  - *A Child Called It*
- Memories
- Accomplishments
- Quality writing

# Biographies

- Authentic
- Fictional
- Collections
- *Lincoln a Photo Biography*
- *Where Do You Think You are Going Paul Revere?*
- *Indian Chiefs*