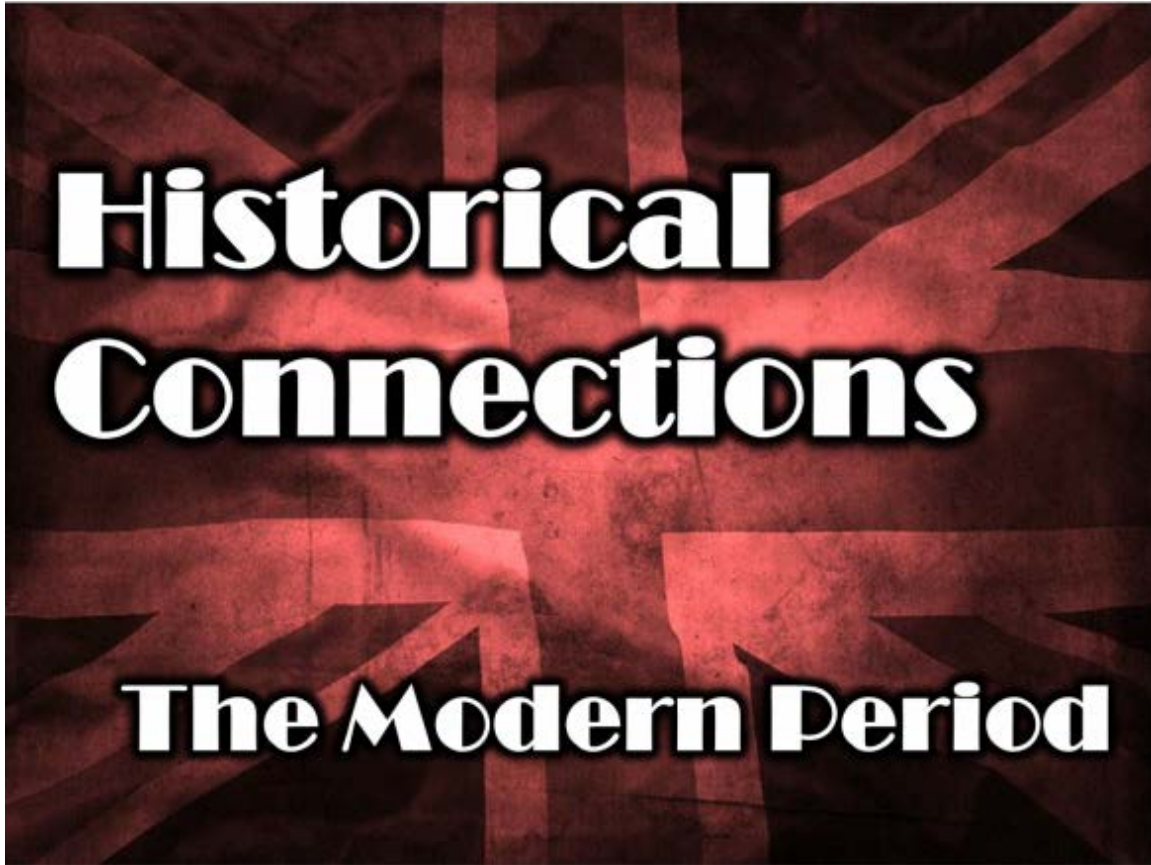


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Introduction



Historical Connections to the Modern Period

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Main Menu



The Modern period immediately began shifting away from the conservatism of the Victorian era. Additionally, the devastation of two world wars had an important impact on British culture and literature. Learn more about this period by exploring the history and politics, religion and culture, and education and literature. Click on each of the menu items.

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Important Events of the Modern Period

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1914 A.D.



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1921 A.D.



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1929 A.D.

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1945 A.D.



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1947 A.D.

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Artifacts



Drag and drop each of the cultural artifacts into the examination tray to learn more about the religion and culture of the Modern period. Once you have examined each of the artifacts, click the home button to return to the main menu.

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British Flag

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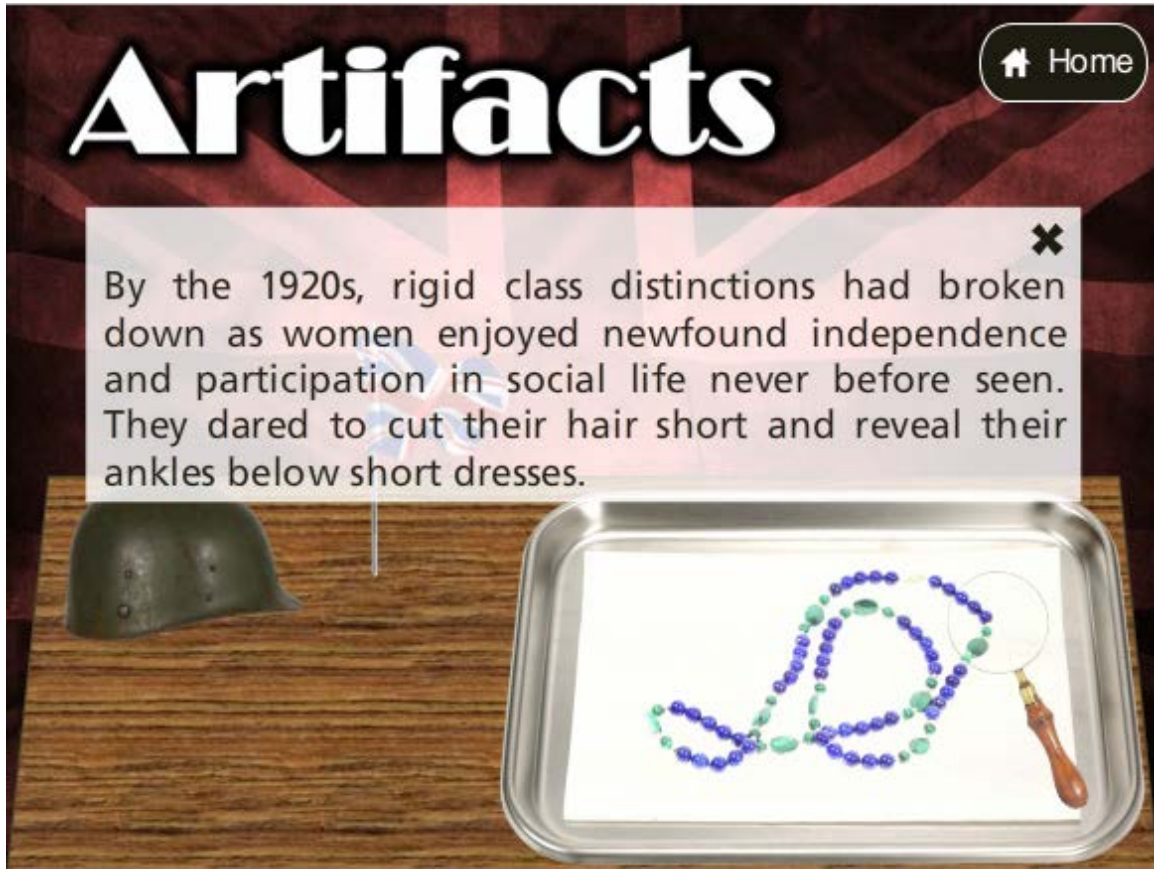
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The image shows a digital interface for exploring artifacts. At the top, the word "Artifacts" is written in large white letters against a dark red background with a faint Union Jack pattern. To the right is a "Home" button with a house icon. Below this is a semi-transparent text box containing the text "The early 20th century was marked by a nationalistic spirit, which lead to the eventual dissolution of the British Empire." with a close button (✕) in the top right corner. At the bottom, a silver tray sits on a wooden surface, containing a green military helmet, a necklace of blue and green beads, a small Union Jack flag on a stick, and a magnifying glass with a wooden handle.

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Long Beaded Women's Necklace



By the 1920s, rigid class distinctions had broken down as women enjoyed newfound independence and participation in social life never before seen. They dared to cut their hair short and reveal their ankles below short dresses.

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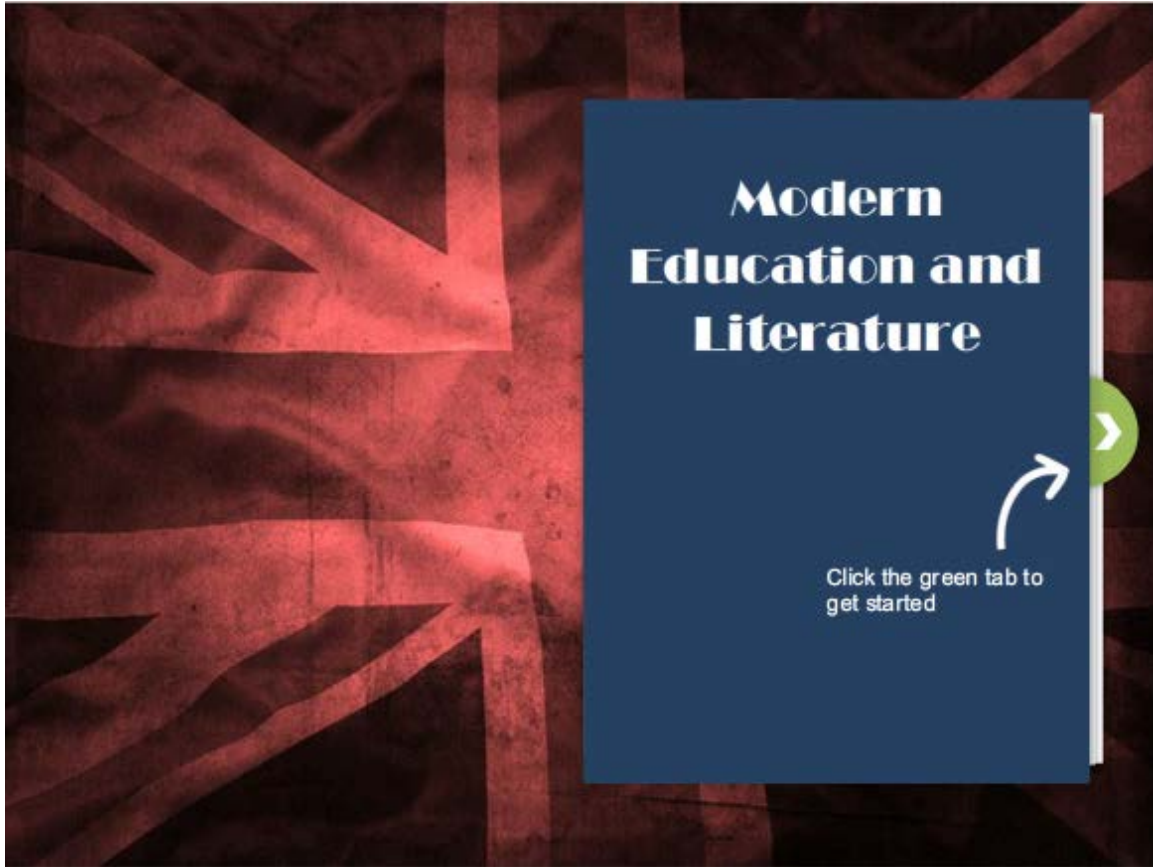
Soldier's Helmet



Soldier-poets such as Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, and Rupert Brooke reflected the disillusionment of a generation of young men sent off to war.

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Education and Literature

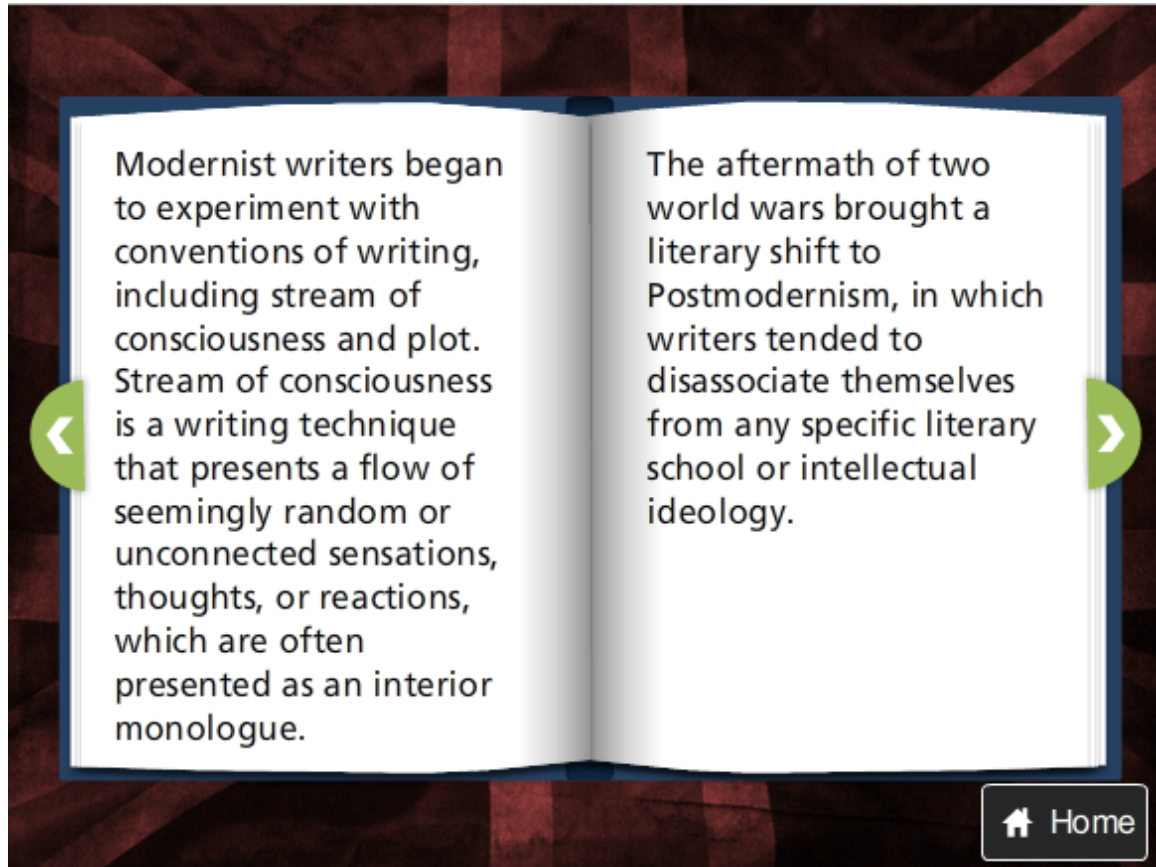


Click the green tabs to move through the book and learn more about education and literature during the Modern period. Once you have completed the book, click the home button to return to the main menu.

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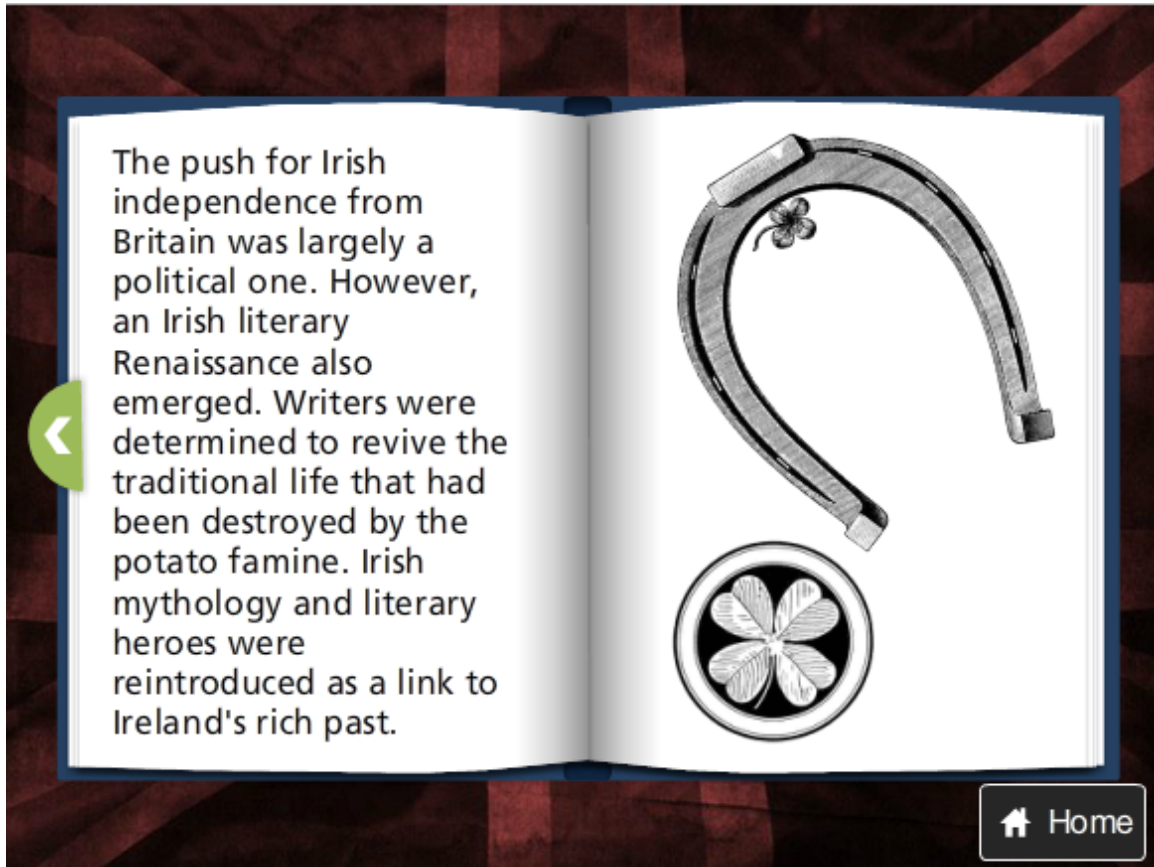
Literary Trends



Modernist writers began to experiment with conventions of writing, including stream of consciousness and plot. Stream of consciousness is a writing technique that presents a flow of seemingly random or unconnected sensations, thoughts, or reactions, which are often presented as an interior monologue. The aftermath of two world wars brought a literary shift to Postmodernism, in which writers tended to disassociate themselves from any specific literary school or intellectual ideology.

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Irish Literature



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