New Directions Within American Literature
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1. Although writers of all periods have employed realism to a certain extent, realism as a literary movement originated in Europe with writers such as __________________________ and __________________________.

2. Since a person’s world view determines what he considers to be realistic, a Christian would disagree with the realistic writers of the late nineteenth century who believed that the world was controlled by ________________ or ________________ or ________________.

3. Most post-Civil War writers agreed on basic principles and attempted to describe accurately the ________________ and the ________________. However, the ________________ at the turn of the century reshaped the principles of realism and portrayed characters as more ________________ than human.

4. Most of the writers of the period were either __________________________, __________________________, or __________________________.

5. The regionalists, who emphasized a particular ________________ region of the country, gave special attention to the ________________, ________________, and ________________ of the region. These writers, who served as the transition between the major ________________ and the major ________________, included writers such as ________________, who used romantically exotic characters, and ________________, who used realistically representative figures.

6. The ________________, one group of realists who were more romantic than realistic, helped the other regionalists to popularize the ________________. The regionalists, however, did not display the same depth of ________________ and seriousness of ________________ as the major realists.

7. The three writers who raised realism to its highest level and are thus called the “masters of realism,” are ________________, who embodied the middle-class spirit; ________________, who embodied the international spirit; and ________________, who embodied the frontier spirit.

8. Naturalism is actually the application of ________________ to ________________. The naturalists believed that all of life was controlled by inexplicable forces and operated according to the laws of ________________.

9. Antinaturalists such as ________________, ________________, and ________________ maintained traditional values in their writings; however, the naturalists had profound influence in convincing the American people to place their confidence in ________________ words rather than in the ________________.

10. This period ended in ________________ as ________________ helped to destroy the myth of human ________________. Subsequently, after this period literature was characterized by a growing sense of ________________.