

Gothic Literature

The Dark Romance

Creative Writing II

What to Expect in a Gothic Novel

- ▶ Gothic novels delve deeper into profound philosophical questions
- ▶ Combines a combination of horror and romance
- ▶ Embodies an appreciation of the joys of extreme emotion and the thrills of fear

Stock Features

- ▶ Tend to see: mysterious castles, mansions, remote areas, murder, treachery, superstitions, curses, secrets, darkness, death, madness, the supernatural
- ▶ You'll find some villains, monsters, ghosts, vampires, devils and demons

Examples of Gothic Literature

- ▶ *Vathek* by William Thomas Beckford
- ▶ *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- ▶ *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo
- ▶ “The Minister’s Black Veil” and *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- ▶ *The Narrative of Arthur Pym of Nantucket* and “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe
- ▶ *The Horla* by Guy de Maupassant
- ▶ *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux
- ▶ *Dracula* by Bram Stoker