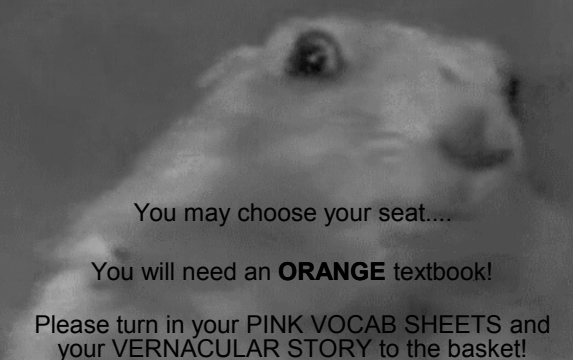


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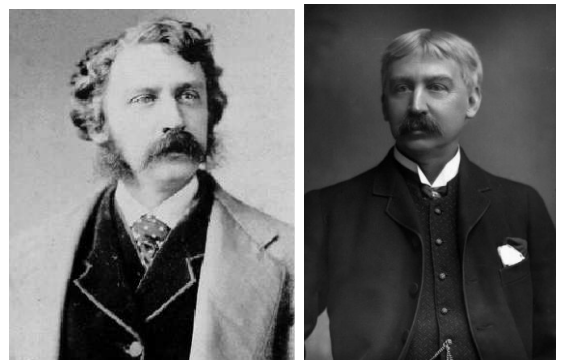


You may choose your seat...

You will need an **ORANGE** textbook!

Please turn in your PINK VOCAB SHEETS and your VERNACULAR STORY to the basket!

Bret Harte




Bret Harte

- 1836-1902
- Born in New York
- His father died when he was young
- When he was 17, he moved with his mother to California
- Worked as a teacher, miner, printer, messenger, and editor

Harte's Career

- Best known for writing about pioneering life in California
- Early master of the short story
- Combined humor, pathos, and excellent characters to bring the pioneer experience to life for readers
- Friends with Mark Twain... for a while

Willa Cather



Willa Cather

- 1873-1947
- Born in Virginia
- When she was 9, Willa and her family moved west to a Nebraska town (still on the wild frontier at that time)
- At first wanted to become a doctor, but got published in her freshman year of college and caught the writing bug

Career

- Living on the frontier was a transformative experience for Willa
- Wrote for several magazines and then began writing longer pieces
- Won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *One of Ours* in 1922
- Most famous work is a trilogy:
O Pioneers!, *The Song of the Lark*,
and *My Antonia*

Reading Harte & Cather

- “Outcasts of Poker Flat”
 - Review vocab on page 623
 - Read the story on pages 624-632
- “The Wagner Matinee”
 - Review vocab on page 669
 - Read the “Build Background” on page 670
 - Read the story on pages 670-677

If everyone stays on task... no questions!

Cather’s Wagner Playlist

- Tannhauser Overture:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqpOctKSwp4>
- Tristan und Isolde Prelude:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-qoaiog2UA>
- Flying Dutchman Overture:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgezCR_Xzal
- “Prize Song”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEhBkvi53A0>
- Selections from *The Ring*:
 - Ride of the Valkyries: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aKAH_t0aXA
 - Siegfried’s Death/Funeral March:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zn4luxy0X4I>

Test on Monday!

- Half-page study guide (for your convenience – not an assignment)
- Website WILL BE UP AND RUNNING by tomorrow, with notes/video clips/etc.
- You MAY use a 3x5 index card on test
- Don’t forget: your SATIRE paper is due next Friday