

Communication and Collaboration

The American Renaissance

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American Renaissance, also called New England Renaissance , period from the 1830s roughly until the end of the [American Civil War](#) in which [American literature](#), in the wake of the [Romantic movement](#), came of age as an [expression](#) of a national spirit.

The literary scene of the period was dominated by a [group of New England](#) writers, the “[Brahmins](#),” notably [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#), [Oliver Wendell Holmes](#), and [James Russell Lowell](#). They were aristocrats, steeped in foreign culture, active as professors at Harvard College, and interested in creating a genteel [American literature](#) based on foreign [models](#)

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