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Until the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, American literature was little else than a branch of English literature. The literature written during the period of the War of Independence was mostly of political character.

- The first literary works after independence are represented by books of **James Fenimore Cooper** – they talk about American wilderness -The last of the Mohicans.
- **Herman Melville** was the great symbolist among American writers. His best novel Moby Dick is a narrative about the fight between a big white whale Moby Dick and captain Ahab.
- Many people prefer the works of **Mark Twain**. He successfully wrote for both children and adults. He is known for his works The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
- **Harriet Beecher Stowe** describes unhuman conditions of slavery in the book Uncle Tom's Cabin.
- Next significant writer is **Edgar Allan Poe** with his most famous poems The Raven, The Pit nad the pendulum, the Fall of the House of Usher.
- One of the greatest American poets was **Walt Whitman** and his work Leaves of the Grass.
- The most important writer of group „Lost Generation“ was **Francis Scott Fitzgerald** with the novel The Great Gatsby.
- The best known writers of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century are **Ernest Hemingway** and John Steinbeck. Ernest Hemingway belongs to the group of writers called lost generatio,too. He is the autor of a Farawell to Arms, For whom the Bell Talls or short novel The Old Man and the Sea. To the group belongs **John Steinbeck**. He wrote The



Grapes of Wrath, East of Eden or Of Mice and Men.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century was full of great writers. For example Joseph Heller and his Catch-22 or Norman Mailer. He is one of the best authors after World War II. His book is called The Naked and the Dead.