

# Literary Circles

**DETERMINISM:** Inspired by Darwin's theory of Evolution. In Naturalist literature, characters are like all other animals possessed by instinct to survive in environments that serve as adversarial forces. Look for the effect of setting, and external forces on plot.

## **OBJECTIVISM:**

Influenced by BF Skinner's beliefs that character is most influenced by the environment. Look for Characters conditioned by environment and described in detailed yet detached journalistic/scientific style.

## **NATURALISM**

**PESSIMISM:** Topics covered by literature deals with the underbelly of society. These include realistic treatment of taboo subjects that might include criminality, sexuality, poverty and racism. FIND Heavy Foreshadowing that develops a sense of impending doom.

## **INDIFFERENT UNIVERSE:**

The same nature that Emerson idealized is indifferent in the face of human suffering and struggle. Look for this idea through author's use of IRONY and SYMBOLS.