

American Realism was a style in **art**, music and **literature** that depicted contemporary social realities and the lives and everyday activities of ordinary people. The movement began in **literature** in the mid-19th century, and became an important tendency in visual **art** in the early 20th century.

American Realism began as a reaction to and a rejection of Romanticism, with its emphasis on emotion, imagination, and the individual. The movement began as early as the 1830's but reached prominence and held sway from the end of the Civil War to around the end of the nineteenth century.

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- Detail
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- The Novel
- The Quotidian
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