Romanticism

→ **artistic and literary movement that changed European culture**

Romantic period in Britain:
from 1798 to 1832

1st-generation poets:
- William Blake
- William Wordsworth
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

2nd-generation poets:
- Percy Bysshe Shelley
- George Gordon Byron
- John Keats

reaction **against** the excessive faith in **rationality**

what is romantic is emotional

in favour of **spontaneity, originality, the power** of **individual experience, imagination, freedom**

freedom **from rationality**

freedom **from rules**

freedom **from formality and artificiality**

freedom **from order, self-control and moderation**