

## **Regionalism and the Rise of Realism Unit Notes**

**Regionalism**- an emphasis on themes, characters, and settings from a particular geographical region

**Realism**- literary movement that sought to portray life as it is really lived

### **Characteristics of Realism:**

- focus on ordinary people and events
- importance of the individual
- use of detailed settings (dialect and local color are important)
- middle and working classes become important
- often involve moral dilemmas