

## American Gothic

Macabre: gruesome and horrifying; ghastly; horrible.

- Frankenstein (European) Mary Shelley
- Dracula (European) Bram Stoker
- Anne Rice – Interview with a Vampire
- Twilight series

Gargoyles are the mascot of Gothic literature.

**Romantics** (Transcendentalists) looked at individual they saw hope

(positive, good)

**Gothics** (Anti-transcendentalists) saw potential evil in the individual.

Poe themes: live burials, murder, torture, retribution from beyond the grave.

American Gothic: Poe, Hawthorne, Melville, Washington Irving  
Southern Gothic: Flannery O'Connor, William Faulkner, Truman Capote,  
Carson McCullers