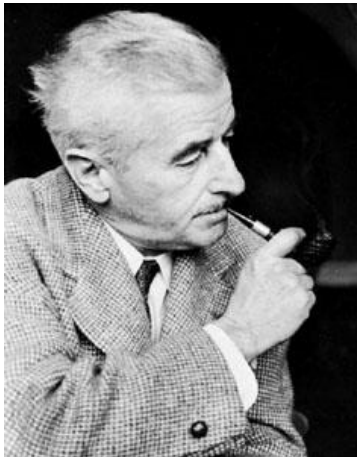
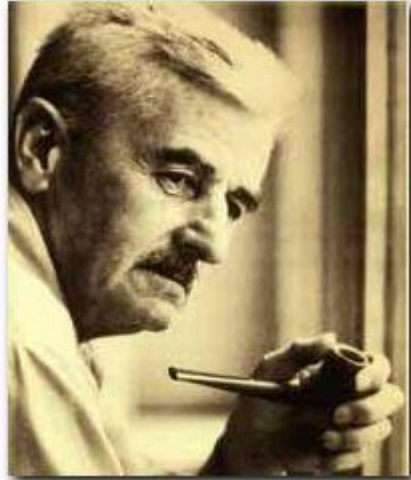


William Faulkner  
(1897-1962)  
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William Faulkner was born in Oxford, Mississippi to Murry Cuthbert and Maud Butler Falkner on September 25, 1897. He was a member of the Canadian royal air force early in his life and fought in WWI; he was also a member of the British Royal Air force. Faulkner went to school at the University of Mississippi. He also temporarily worked at a New York Bookstore and New Orleans newspaper. He lived in Europe and Asia for a short time, also worked briefly as a Hollywood scriptwriter. To create a writing legacy and style all his own, Faulkner created his novels using characters that were infused with the decadence of the south. Every story and novel harkens back to Faulkner's southern roots. Some of his better known books include The

Sound and the Fury, which details the fall of the Compson family seen through the eyes of many characters, published in 1929 and Sanctuary about a young girl named Temple Drake and her subsequent degradation. Faulkner also wrote Absalom, Absalom! This book is about a young boy who is rejected by his father because of his mixed ethnicity. The theme of racial prejudice seen in Absalom, Absalom! is reoccurring in many of Faulkner's novels. This theme is common because of the focus on southern culture and beliefs in Faulkner's novels and short stories. Throughout his life he wrote novels reminiscent of many of his southern predecessors. William Faulkner won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950 just twelve years before his death on July 6, 1962.