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Romantic poetry is characterized by the “spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings” (Wordsworth 263).

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Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

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