1. **Wordsworth's Biography**

* Born on 7th April 1770 in Cockermouth,Cumberland in the Lake District.
* Landscape effected his imagination and gave him a love of nature.
* At the age of 8 years he lost his mother and five years later lost his father.
* Domestic problems separated him from his sister Dorothy who was important person in his life.
* With the help of his two uncles he entered a local school and continued his studies at Cambridge university.
* Wordsworth made his debut as a writer in 1787 when he published a sonnet in the European magazine. In that same year he entered St.John's college,cambridge,from where he took his B.A in 1791.
* In 1795 he met Coleridge. Wordsworth's financial situation became better in 1795 when he received a legacy and was able to settle at Racedown,Dorset,with his sister Dorothy.
* Encouraged by Coleridge and stimulated by the close contact with nature,Wordsworth composed his first master work “Lyrical Ballads".
* About 1798 he started to write a large and philosophical autobiographical poem,completed in 1805 and published in 1850 under the title “The Prelude".
* He spent the winter of 1798-99 with his sister and Coleridge in Germany where he wrote several poems including “Lucy”.
* After return from Germany he moved to Dove Cottage,Grasmere and in 1802 married Mary Hutchinson. They cared for Dorothy for the last twenty years of her life.
* Wordsworth’s second verse collection,Poems,In Two volumes,appeared in 1807.
* Wordsworth’s central works were produced between 1797 and 1808.
* His poems written in Middle and late years have not gained much critical approval.
* Grasmere period ended in 1813.
* He was appointed as an official distributor of stamps for Westmored land.He moved to Rydal Mount,Ambleside,where he spent the rest of his life.