

Classic Works

Assignment 25

- *poetry memorization*. Memorize “stanzas” 1–3 of John Keats’ lovely poem “To Autumn” in your reader.

- *literature*. Read *The Time Machine*, chapters 9–end and complete the study guide questions which are posted on the assignment page under “Materials Needed.”



- Make sure that you complete *all* the study guide material.
- *picture*. The picture on the right is of “New Harmony,” as proposed by Robert Owen. Utopian communities were popular in the 19th century; in fact, one of the most esteemed 19th-century American authors, Nathaniel Hawthorne, was involved with a utopian community located in West Roxbury, Massachusetts called Brook Farm, which had been founded by a former Unitarian minister George Ripley. Hawthorn left the community disgruntled and wrote about his negative experience in the novel *Blithedale Romance*. Utopian communities are attempts to set up a “perfect world” which inevitably fail because of human nature. Communities at first may *appear* to be perfect, but there is always something lurking in background—the evil in the heart of man. It is therefore easy to see why “*negative utopias*” —failed attempts to fashion a perfect world through man’s device and technology—are the stuff that makes up science fiction, such as *The Time Machine*.
 - Your critical essay on *Great Expectations* is due **this coming week**. This five-paragraph essay will discuss the novel as a satire on lawyers, money or amateur acting.