

Longfellow's Poetry: Review with students some of Longfellow's poetry, specifically "The Rainy Day", which he composed at the Wadsworth-Longfellow House, and "My Lost Youth", in which he reminisces about the Portland of his childhood. If time allows, instruct students to research the history of one of the two poems and/or create artwork inspired by the poems. All of Longfellow's poetry can be found on the searchable poetry database on Longfellow Online at http://www.hwlongfellow.org/poems_front.php.

The screenshot shows the website for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a Maine Historical Society Website. The page features a navigation menu on the left, a search bar at the top right, and a central content area. The poem "The Rainy Day" is displayed in the center, with its text and a list of other poems from 1842 on the right.

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The Rainy Day

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
The vine still clings to the mouldering wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
My thoughts still cling to the mouldering Past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,
And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.

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