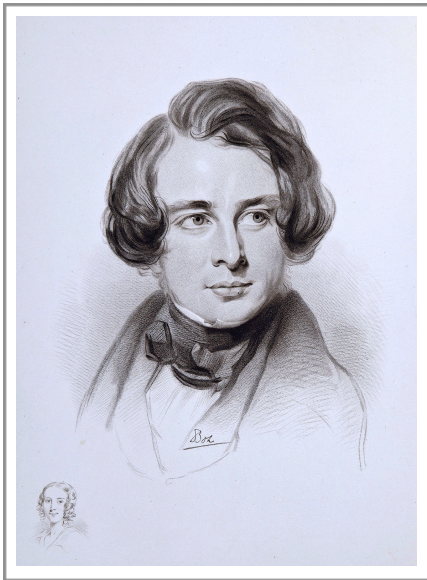




Charles Dickens



Sketch of Dickens in 1842 during his American tour; after which he wrote *American Notes* from which his description of Washington, D. C. is taken.

The Personal Narrative Assignment 14

- *poem*. Memorize section 2 of Christina Rossetti’s, “Summer is Ended.”
- *reading*. Complete Lesson 14 in your study guide and the corresponding reading of Charles Dickens and William Henry Hudson. Probably the most famous and most enduring Victorian novelist is Charles Dickens. Dickens wrote a total of fourteen novels, including *Oliver Twist*, *Great Expectations*, *David Copperfield*, *Little Dorrit*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*. Dickens also wrote an amusing and rather scorching review of the United States titled *American Notes*. After his tour of 1842, Dickens wrote his mostly unfavorable impressions of America. He was not the first, however, as Anthony Trollope’s mother Frances Trollope won fame and fortune ten years previous for an “expose” of American ways in her work *Domestic Manners of the Americans* (1832). Dickens’ descriptive narrative of Washington D.C. is taken from *American Notes*. Less famous and enduring is the English-speaking South American author William Henry Hudson (1841–1922), who was born in Buenos Aires of American parents but became an English citizen. Like Thoreau, Hudson was a naturalist, making observations of plants, birds and other animals.

- *journal entry*. Write a journal entry: Composition 1 or 2 of Lesson 14.
- *biography*. Remember to have your interview before you return from our break in a couple of weeks, which ends the first week of January.

Long-Term Assignment

- *biography*. You will be writing a 3- to 10-page biography of someone that you know—a relative, neighbor or friend. The only criterion is that the person must be over the age of fifty. Again, here are **sample interviews and biographies** written by past students that you can use as examples.