Laurence Sterne

(1713-1768)

Biography

Life: dates and events

24th November 1713 was born in Clonmel, Ireland

1724/31 attended Halifax grammar school

1731 admitted to Jesus College, Cambridge

pulmonary haemorrhage, beginning of ill health

1738 took Holy Orders and became a priest; was presented to the Vicarage of Sutton in-the-Forest, near York

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1761 went to Southern France to recuperate from ill health

1765 travelled through France and Italy for seven months Works

1758 The History of a Good Warm Watch Coat, a satirical work, was suppressed by local church authorities

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1759 first two volumes of The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy

1760 The Sermons of Mr Yorick along with volumes III and IV of Tristram Shandy

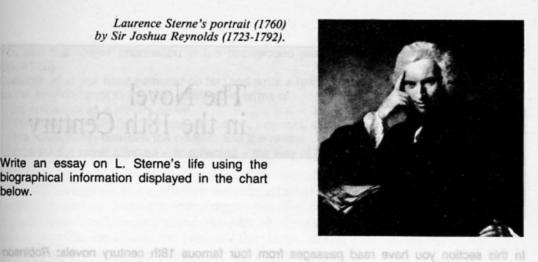
1761 volumes V and VI of Tristram Shandy

1765 volumes VII and VIII of *Tristram*Shandy followed by volume IX in
1766

1768 caught influenza, developed pleurisy and died on March 8th.

1768 A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy Family and Environment Attitudes. Interests. Influences

Write an essay on L. Sterne's life using the biographical information displayed in the chart below.



moved from place to place	
father died	was not an exceptional student but read widely
	met John Hall, rich, eccentric future patron of the arts
first person narrator comments addresses reader	amateur painter and musician
1741 married Elizabeth Lumley; unhappy marriage, wife was mentally ill	welv to Into
18th century aducated people	delighted in attacking ecclesiastical hypocrisy
immediate fame and fortune	
two daughters born, of which only one, Lydia, survived	District (100
idealized by Parisian society	tried to lose himsef in his works to escape family problems
left family in France at their request, had a sentimental love affair with Mrs Eliza Draper	Tristram Shandy became a controversial work, hated by some, loved by others
	tyle realistic, simple, photographio
Instruct attack political corruption give a sattre of human folly and vos	mis g*f8fovol