



Percy Bysshe Shelley

Ozymandias

P. B. Shelley(1792-1822)

Romantic writer

A revolutionary and Radical writer

Challenging monarchy, government, church, or court or any forms of tyrannical power

An idealist

In fight with the world around

A romantic poet

Highly talented and imaginative

Works

Ozymandias

‘Ode to the West Wind’

‘To a Skylark’

‘Mont Blanc’

‘The Cloud’



Ozymandias (1817)

- 14-line sonnet
- Written in 1817 (as a competition with his friend Horace Smith)
- Published in 1818 in *The Examiner* under the pen name Glirastes
- Inspired by a gigantic statue of Rameses II or Ozymandias that was brought to the British Museum by the Italian explorer Giovanni Belzoni.



Ozymandias

The title “Ozymandias” refers to an alternate name of the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Ramses II

portray the transience of political power and to praise art’s ability to preserve the past

Ozymandias is about the arrogance of leaders

