

<b>Theory / Dates</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Key Concepts and Questions</b>
<b>Positivism</b> 1860s – 1890s	Hippolyte Taine	Race, Environment, Epoch [ <i>Race, Milieu, Moment</i> ] Focus on 'external facts'
<b>Marxism</b> Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century – present	Georg Lukacs – Raymond Williams – Louis Althusser – Fredric Jameson	Reflection of social conditions in literature; Ideology; Economic Basis; Class Consciousness; Class Struggle
<b>Psychoanalysis</b> c. 1900 – present	Sigmund Freud, Jacques Lacan, Julia Kristeva	Desire, The Unconscious, Repression, Wish-Fulfilment
<b>(Russian) Formalism</b> 1910s – 1930s	Yurii Tynyanov, Viktor Shklovsky, Roman Jakobson	Analysis of literary 'devices'. Literary evolution as a dialectic of defamiliarization vs. conventionalization
<b>New Criticism</b> 1920s – 1960s	T.S. Eliot, F. R. Leavis – René Wellek, W. K. Wimsatt, et al.	Unity, Coherence, Close Reading, Ambiguity, Impersonality, "Intentional Fallacy" (Work instead of Authors or Characters)
<b>Structuralism</b> from 1920s, strong in 1960s and 70s	F. de Saussure, Roman Jakobson Gérard Genette ...	Sign / Signifier vs. Signified. Binary Oppositions. Difference. Narratology.
<b>Post-Structuralism</b> 1970s / 1980s	... Roland Barthes, Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida	Deconstruction of Binary Oppositions, Discourse Analysis, 'Death of the Author'
<b>New Historicism</b> 1980s and 1990s	Stephen Greenblatt	"Embeddedness" of canonical literature, subversion vs. affir- mation, "the historicity of texts and the textuality of history"
<b>Cultural Studies</b> 1980s to present	(Raymond Williams, Michel Foucault) Clifford Geertz	Power, Resistance, Local Culture. Thick Description
<b>Gender Theory</b> 1980s to present	(Luce Irigaray. Elaine Showalter.) Judith Butler	Sex vs. Gender. Patriarchal Society. Construction of Sexual Identity and Sexual Difference. Heterosexual matrix (compulsory heterosexuality)
<b>Postcolonial Theory</b> 1980s to present	Edward Said, Gayatri Spivak, Homi Bhabha	Orientalism. Centre vs. Margins. The Subaltern. Hybridity. Diaspora.