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RAMMOHUN ROY AND RALPH WALDO EMERSON: A STUDY IN TWO FACES OF NATIONALISM

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ABSTRACT

We are living in a society where we have been facing issues like lack of unity, intolerance every now and then. But it is quite interesting to note that long before today, Rammohun Roy and Ralph Waldo Emerson, two men of genious, representing two separate territories, have provided us vision to look the world with positivity and liberal views. As we come to know that Roy Literature was popular in America and must have a great deal of influence to mould a new nation whose consciousness is still in the process of moulding. Emerson, the prophet of transcendentalism, must have been motivated by Roy for establishing a common ground for human unity breaking all the boundaries. Thus, the present study will try to explore two faces of nationalism with their identical approach.

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