**Lesson 4: The American Regime**

Characteristics of Literature during this Period

The writings were in Spanish, English and Tagalog

1. Literature in Spanish

The inspiration of the writers in here is Rizal not because of being his national leader and but also about his two novel, the NOLI and FILI.Among theme were:

1. Cecilio Amorsolo
2. Fernando Ma. Guerrero
3. Jesus Balmori
4. Claro M. Recto
5. Adelina Guerrera
6. Isidro Marpori
7. Efipanio Delos Santos
8. Pedro Aunario
9. Literature in Filipino

Florante at Laura by Francisco Balagtas and Urbana at Felisa by Modesto Castrobecame the inspiration of the tagalong writers.

Julian Cruz Balmaceda classified three kinds of poets:

1. Poets of the Heart(Makata ng Puso)
2. Poets of Life (Makata ng Buhay)
3. Poets of the stage (Makata ng Tanghalan)
4. Philippine literature in English

When the Americans came the literature is divided into three parts:

1. The Period of Re-Orientation

-August 13, 1898, English a sliterary vehicle came with he American occupation

-1990 ,the primary and intermediate grades were using English.

-Writers in this period were still adjusting to the newfound freedom after the paralyzing effect of repression of thougth and speech under the Spanish.

 -The first attempts in English were in two periodicals this time:

1. El Renacimiento founded in Manila by Rafael Palma in 1901
2. Philippines Free Press established in Manila in 1905 by R.McCullough Dick And D.Theo Rogers
3. In 1907 Justo Juliano’s Sursum Corda which appeard in the Renacimiento was the first work to be published in English. In 1909, Jan F. Salazar’s My Mother and his Air Castles were also published in this paper.
4. The Period of Imitation

-By 1919, the up college folio published ther literary composition of the first Filipino writers in English.

1. The Period of Self-Discovery

-By this time the Filipino writers had acquired the mastery of the English language.

-They now confidently and completely wrote on a lot of subjects although the old-time favorites of love and youth persisted. They went into all forms of writing like drama and the novel.