ENVIRONMENTALISM

VICTORIAN AGE

- **Environmental literature has often celebrated the beauty of the natural world/landscapes. The Open Space movement in the late nineteenth century advocated for open spaces, village greens, parks, and commons.
- **Post WWII, environmentalism expanded to issues concerning environmental justice and climate change.
- **Anthropocene: Used to describe the current "geologic time unit" during which human activity threatens, damages, and changes the global environment in order to suit its needs. Reveals the interdependence of nature and culture, e.g., effects of civilization and progress (in the 19th century – industrialization) on the natural world.
- **Can traditionally human-centered literature (e, g, Dickens, Hardy, Gaskell) highlight connections to land, place, and life cycles?