During the 1910s, new developments in government, big business and industry began to change daily life in the United States. America was becoming an urban, industrial nation as the younger population increasingly left farms to settle in big cities. As they moved into closer proximity to each other and made increasing amounts of disposable income, people were becoming more fashion and lifestyle conscious. Lifestyles became more active and fashions became more functional. Clothing that restricted movement and distorted the look of the body became outdated. Meanwhile, the rise of national maga A survey of English literature in its historical context. Zentrum für fernstudien und universitätsee weiterbildung. UNIVERSITÄT KOBLENZ-LANDAU 1999 New edition by the author 2013.Â The Survey of English Literature in its Historical Context was commissioned and published by the University of Koblenz-Landau in 1999 as part of its project: Fremdsprachen in Grund- und Hauptschulen (Foreign Languages in Primary and Secondary Modern Schools), which was directed by Professor Dr. Heidemarie Sarter and funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and Rheinland-Pfalz.Â Chapter 3: 1760-1914 literature in the era of industrialism romanticism and the novel. 45.