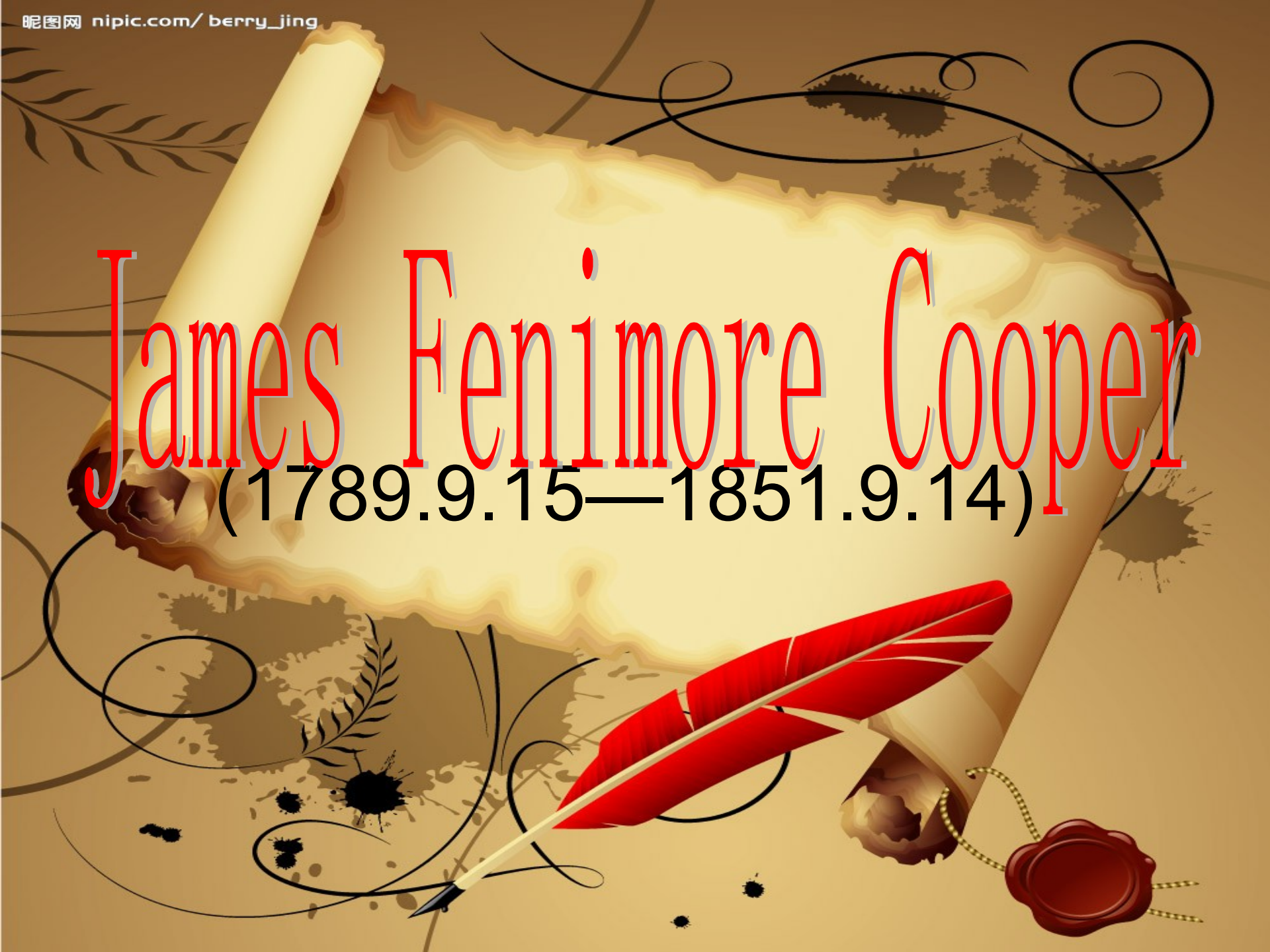


# James Fenimore Cooper

(1789.9.15—1851.9.14)

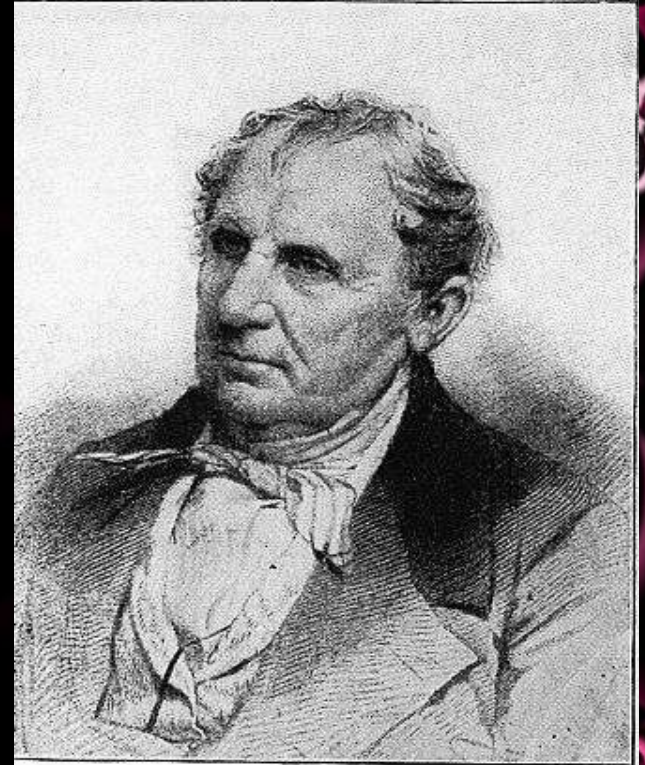


# J.F.Cooper

🌸 First major American novelist, best known for his tales of frontier adventures.



- A prolific writer, whose literature career covers a period of **30** years , publishing **32** novels, **12** works of nonfiction, **a** play and **numerous** pamphlets and articles.




*J. Fenimore Cooper*

VIEWMAGES™  
1789-1851.

# I. *Life*


- ✿ **1789: Born in Burlington, New Jersey;**
- ✿ **1791: Moved to Cooperstown, New York;**
- **1806-07: Joined the Navy and served on the Sterling;**
- **At the beginning of the 1820s Cooper lived in New York City and participated in its intellectual life and politics. ( sea adventures )**

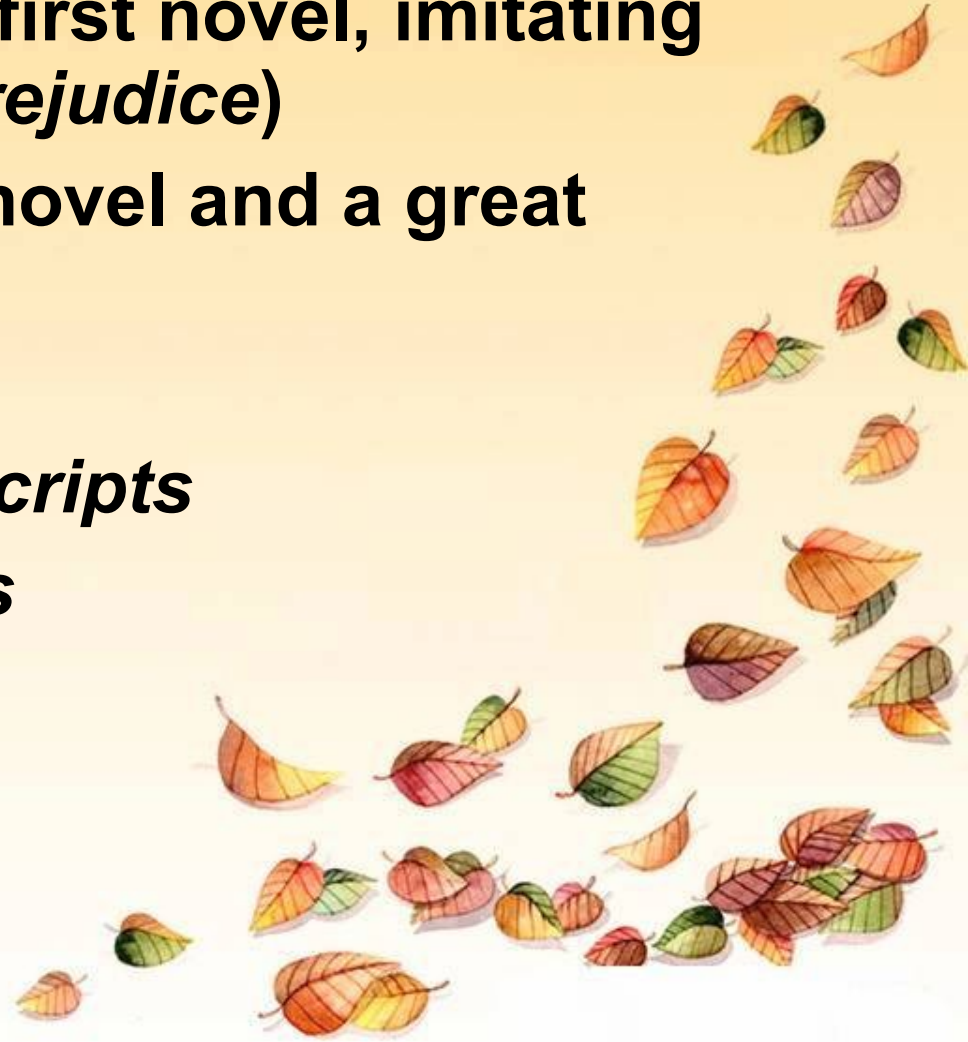
- **1826-1833: Lived in Europe** where he wrote romances and unsuccessfully books about democracy, politics, and society;
- **1833: Returned to the United States**, living first in New York City and then in Cooperstown. During the last decades of his life, he was earning less from his books but was forced to go on writing for income;
-  **1851: Passed away at Otsego Hall.**

# *the gravestone*



## II. Works

- ***Precaution*** (1820, his first novel, imitating Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*)
- ***The Spy*** (his second novel and a great success)
- ***The Pilot***
-  ***The Littlepage Manuscripts***
- ***Leatherstocking Tales***



# *The Leatherstocking Tales*

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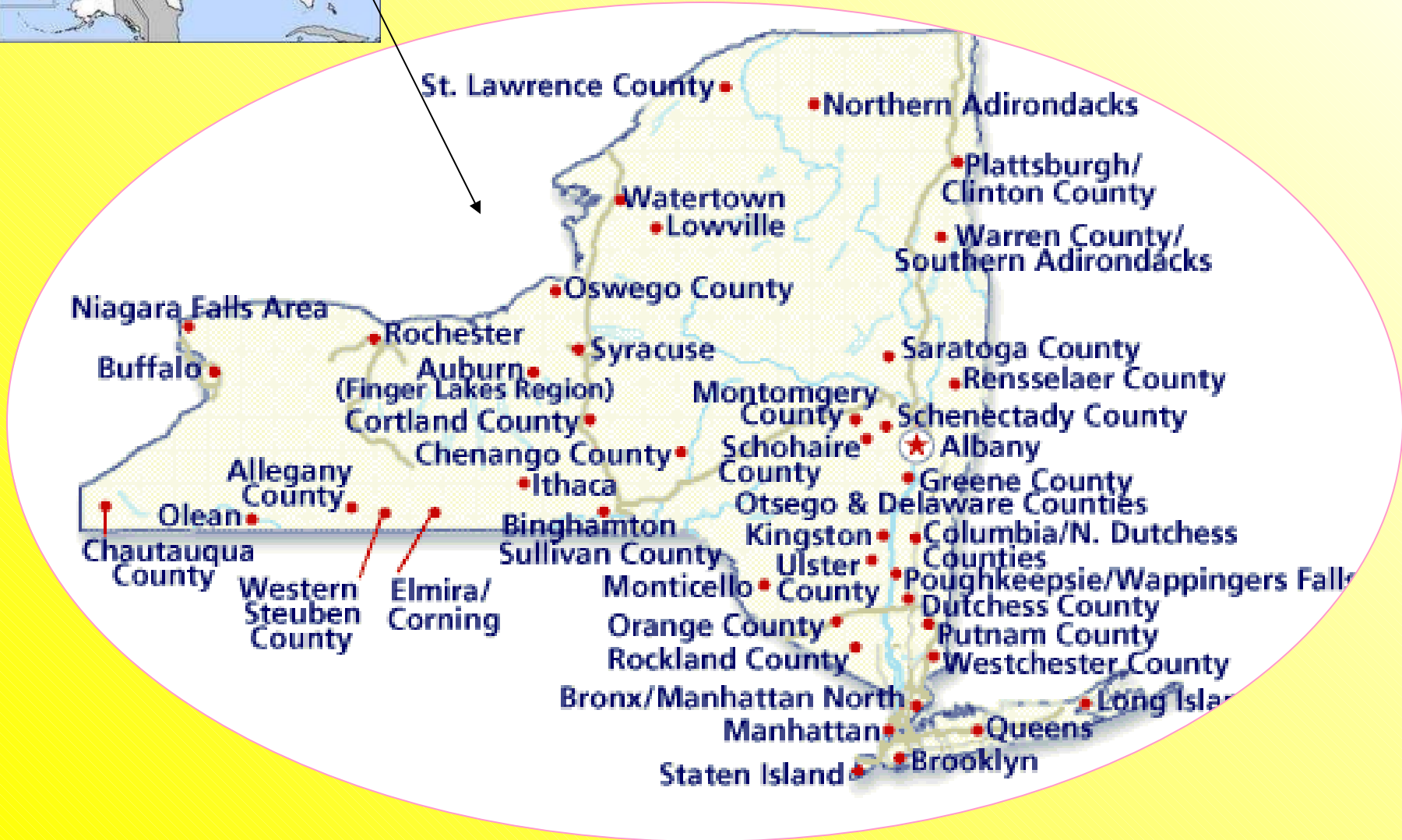
- ④ *The Pioneers* ( 1823 )
- ② *The Last of the Mohicans* (1826)
- ⑤ *The Prairie* (1827)
- ③ *The Pathfinder* (1840)
- ① *The Deerslayer* (1841)





*The Leatherstocking Tales is a series of novels set in the early frontier period of American history.*

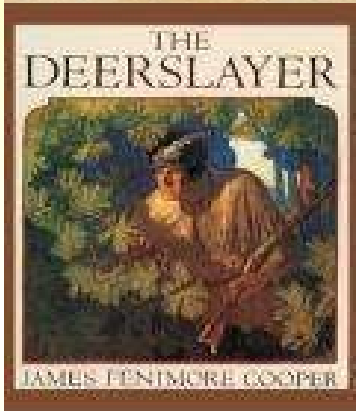
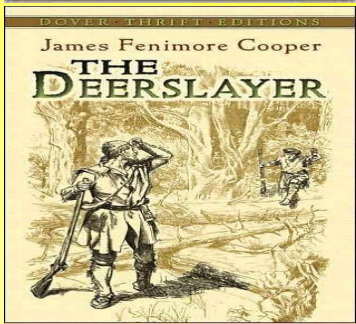
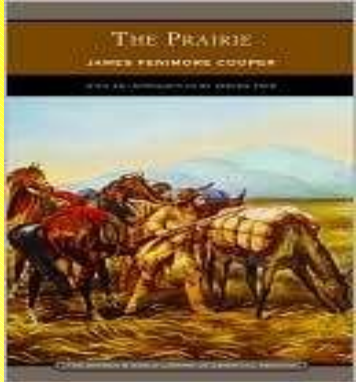
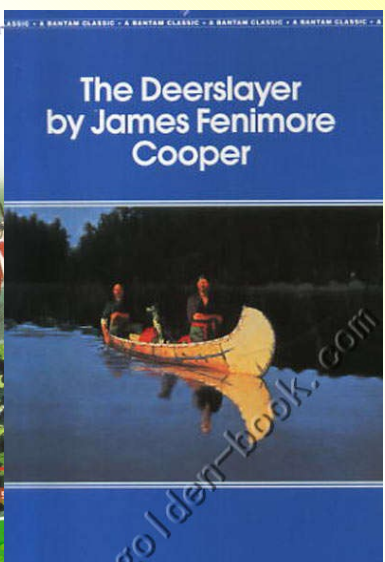
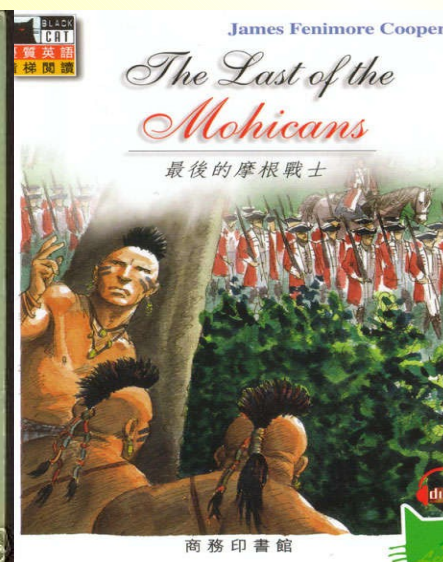
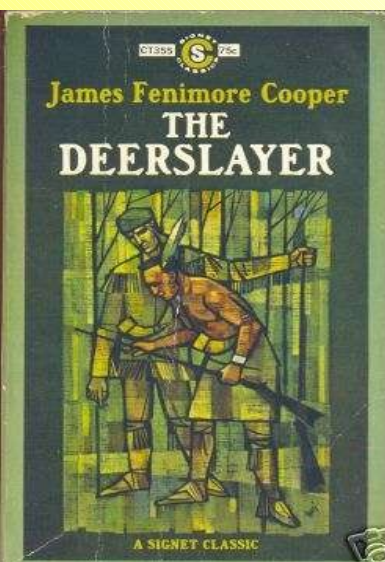
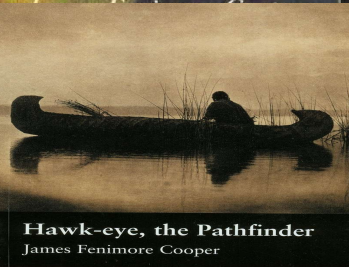
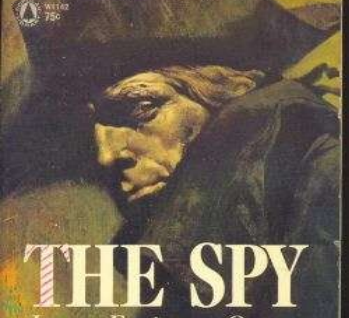
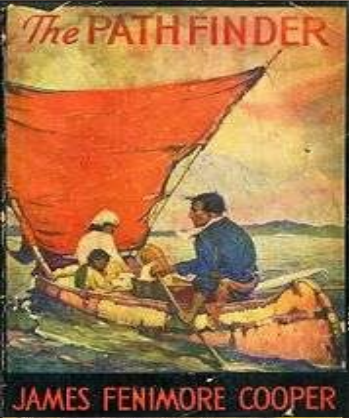
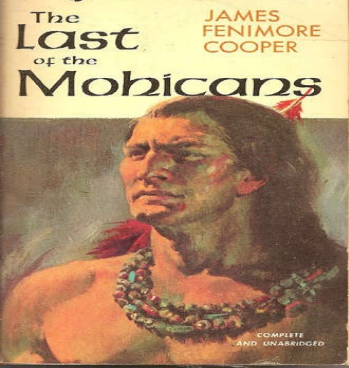
# New York



- ***The Last of the Mohicans*** is set in the 1757 during the Seven Years' War between the French and the British. Hawkeye/Bumppo and his friends Chingachgook and Uncas with a group of English civilians are betrayed by their Indian guide Magua. Hawkeye revenges the death of his friend Uncas and an English lady, Cora, and kills Magua.

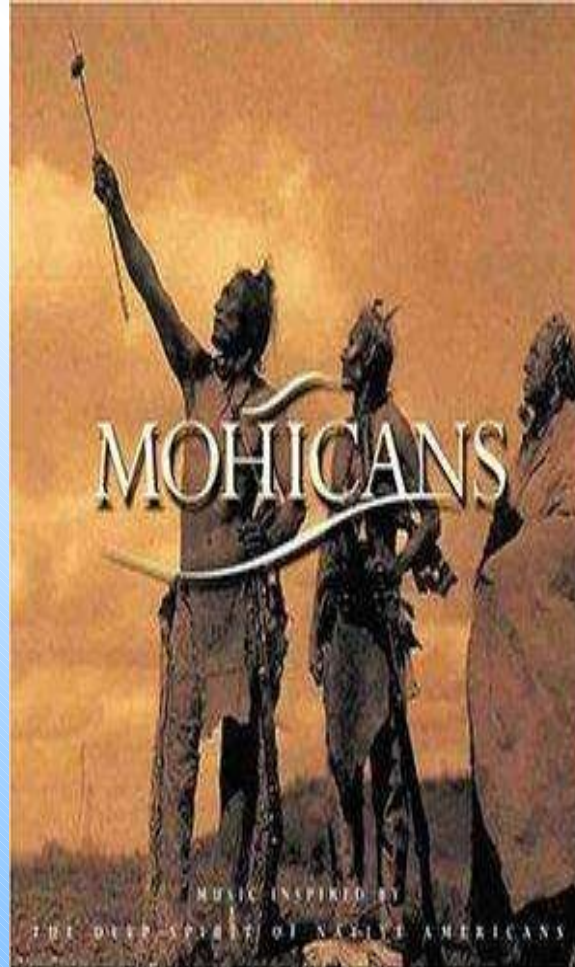
## *Frontier Adventures*

Through his Leatherstocking series Cooper created the archetype of the 18th-century frontiersman, *Natty Bumppo*. He lives free, close to nature, while the settlers bring 'civilization' that destroys the wilderness.



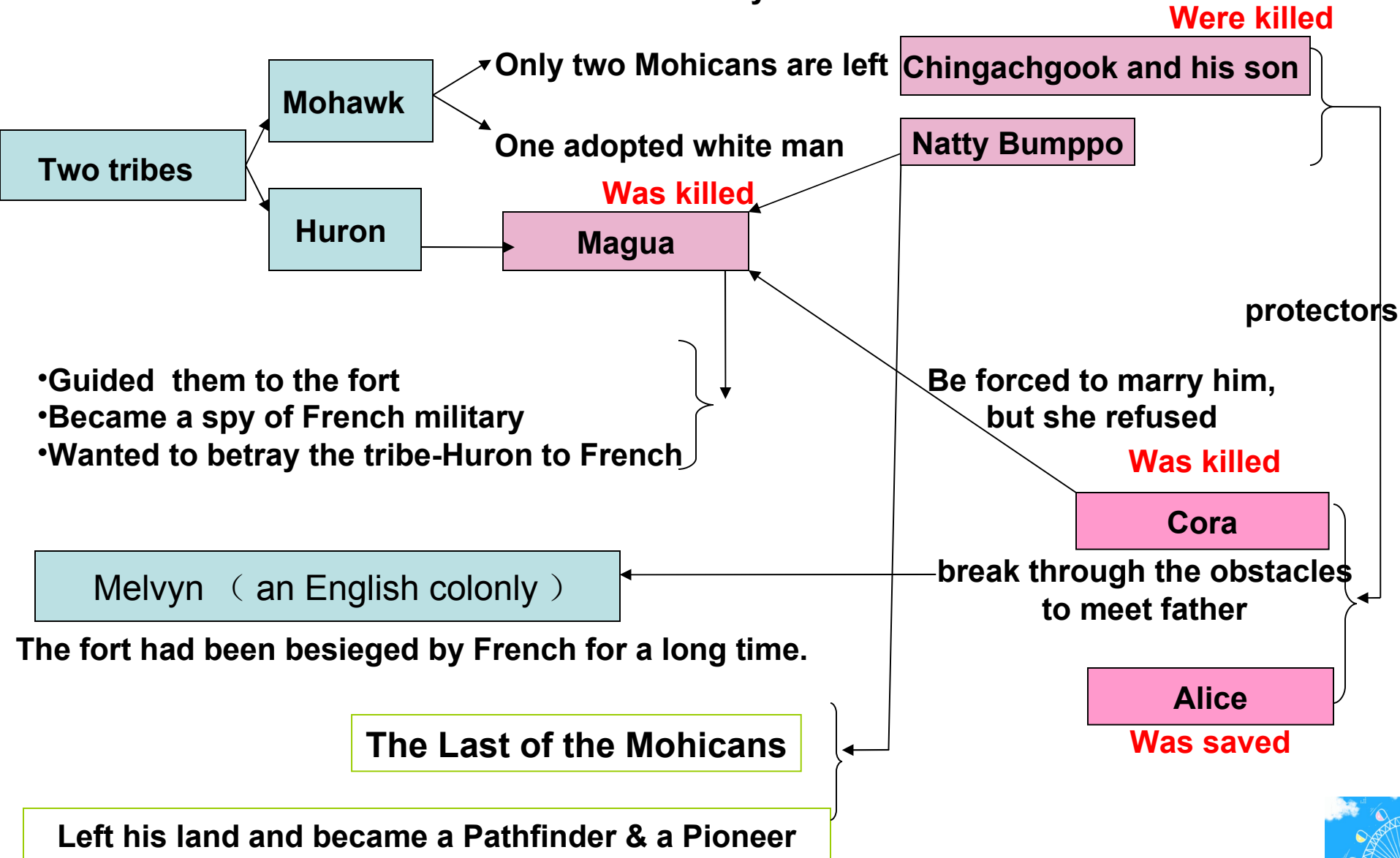


# *The Last of the Mohicans*



## Background

British and French troops do battle for control of the North American colonies in the 18<sup>th</sup> century .



### III. *Theme*

- 🍂 patriotism
- 🍂 wilderness vs. civilization
- 🍂 freedom vs. law
- 🍂 order vs. change
- 🍂 aristocrat vs. democrat
- 🍂 natural rights vs. legal rights





## *V. Achievements*

- He created a myth about the formative period of the American nation. He turned the west and frontier as a useable past and he helped to introduce western tradition to American literature.







*Statue in  
Cooperstown.  
New York*

