

Introduction:

Death within recent years of two famous brothers.  
W. J. - 1910. <sup>aged 68</sup> H. J. 1916. <sup>aged 73</sup>

Smely have heard of them. James' Psychology  
still standard text book. (Senior class R. C.)

Many were novels that were as obscure + difficult  
to understand as psychology text books; and  
William wrote psychology text books that were  
more interesting + fascinating than novels.

As different as Possible. A contrast of personalities  
+ some outline of their achievement to give  
you at least an interest in their work, each  
in his own field an absolute master.

Skeleton of their lives.

William the older born Jan. 1842

Henry is now younger born April 1843.

Distinguished parentage. 2 other sons, 1 daughter.

Henry James Sr - father, a theologian of  
no mean talent. a pulp preacher. wrote on  
theological subjects. N.Y. City.

Mother - Mary Walsh Irish of English extraction  
N.Y. also.

Childhood of the Brothers

Stimulating Family life.

Education, early part very queer. family

never in the same place 2 years together.

Europe often - 3 or four times in boyhood

Schools often at London, Paris, Boulogne-

Geneva. W. always said he never

had any education" but he learned French

Station + a complete knowledge of German.

Henry's early efforts at writing. modest

retiring - wrote story in wh. passage

"The Thunder wared + the lightning followed:

unmercifully teased by W. J.

Both boys pampered. lonely life in Europe

threw them on each other + on their own

resources.



\* Roderick Hudson -  
1875 Goes to Europe for good. His love  
for the arts. Handwriting but finally settled  
down in London to write.  
Copious letters - Always answered fully.

1882-3 America -  
Then back to London. Kensington. Chelsea  
Then Rye. Lambethouse. (at 54) Describe. Quote  
His distinguished friends. Knew all the  
literary people - French & English.  
Amateur of life. many trips to Paris &  
Italy - wh. latter was always his passion.  
Conduct of Day. Mornings work. At first  
by hand - then use of others soon  
health by dictation. apologies for typewriting  
afternoon. rest. Exercise - etc  
Evening letters. till long past midnight.  
Visits of Brother & his family to Rye -  
The Bond bet. the Brothers - but the diff.  
great ext. in con. with art. towards  
Europe & America Quote.

Their work.

Henny difficult - subtle. picturesque English  
- His Passion for art. His characters  
are people of the world who conceive  
of life as a fine art & have leisure to  
carry out their theories.  
Social wide. race. class.  
sentimental impressionist  
Presupposes a cosmopolitan outlook.  
finely modulated characters.  
no paragraphs. long, long involved paren-  
thetical sentences, getting worse as he  
grew older.

Recommend. Portrait of a lady  
Roderick Hudson  
The Point of View.

William mind clear. Impatient of technicalities  
His attitude towards brother's writings.

W.H. in style. Read  
2 letters.



4.  
The last years of William.

Describe search for health, in Europe.

Death 1910

The last years of Henry changed in 1916 to Englandman  
by own up. in Chelsea church.

### Conclusion.

All edu. people should have some know-  
ledge of their brothers. A great work.  
Brilliant minds. Intellect - refinement  
absolute products of the best mind of  
civilization.



Difference in Temperament of Brothers

Henry - slow, deliberate, modest reserved  
artistic  
William - alert, fiery, demented -  
every fibre vitalized.

(A Small Boy and others)  
You'll never bore him.

W. J. received M.D. at Harvard 1870 (heart took  
up W. J. only - knew H. J.) 2 yrs later appointed  
lecturer at Harvard in physiology & anatomy.  
There 35 years later Prof. of Phil. & Psych.  
Marriage, Alice Gibben 5 children, one  
died in babyhood - son Henry, written his life &  
series His Summer House. frequent  
trips abroad. His love for America - new

Hamphire hills.  
His work in Psychology. unique, friend-  
ship with other psych. Josiah Royce  
Hugo Münsterberg etc. The Stimulating  
intellectual life at Cambridge. The people be  
met & lived with.  
Gifford lectures at Edinburgh.  
list of Books - not long.

- The Will to Believe 1887
- Principles of Psych. 1890
- Human Development 1898

\* Talks to Teachers 1899  
Varieties of Religious Experiences 1902  
Propagandum a new name for an old  
way of thinking.  
Honorary degree Princeton, Padua, Edinburgh  
& Harvard.

Take up H. J. went to Harvard 1862 law.  
Family moved permanently to Cambridge.  
Literary friends. W. D. Howells, O. E. Norton  
Atlantic Monthly. Began timid writing for  
magazines.

1868 went to Europe - wandering very  
much. told in letters. Came back but seemed  
for the old. 1872 again to Europe.

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