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| **Beach_Ocean_3_by_FL.JPGThemes in The Awakening** | |
| **Victorian Literature** <http://www.online-literature.com/periods/victorian.php> | |
| What years did the Victorian Era span? | |
| List some of the major themes of Victorian literature: | |
| What kind of power did Victorian women have? What did they choose to write about? | |
| **Women in Literature** <http://www.victorianweb.org/gender/womlitov.html> | |
| Which of the three periods of women’s literature does Kate Chopin belong in? | |
| List some of the characteristics and themes of this period that can also be seen in *The Awakening*: | |
| **Kate Chopin** <http://www.katechopin.org/> |
| What was the original title of *The Awakening*? Why is this relevant to a discussion of themes? |
| Why did early critics condemn the novel? What themes did they disagree with? |
| Kate Chopin was the first woman writer to do what? |
| In a paragraph of at least five sentences, identify one of the novel’s major themes and Kate Chopin’s treatment of this issue: |