

Maria **Rólkowska**, Does American prairie smell? Exotic landscapes of the United States in the literary works of Henryk Sienkiewicz and Sygurd Wiśniowski.

Summary

Henryk Sienkiewicz and Sygurd Wiśniowski were Polish writers who travelled all over United States in 70's of XIX century and wrote about their American experiences - among others about American landscapes of wild and exotic western parts of the country. They described different landscapes - from little streams to panoramic views of deserts, steppes and the mountains. Although Sienkiewicz is a master as for literary descriptions of the nature, also Wiśniowski's descriptions of the landscapes represent high artistic level. It is even possible to talk about impressionism of literary landscapes written by both authors. Moreover, the elements of Sienkiewicz's landscapes of American nature the readers can find in his later works - for example in *Trylogia*.