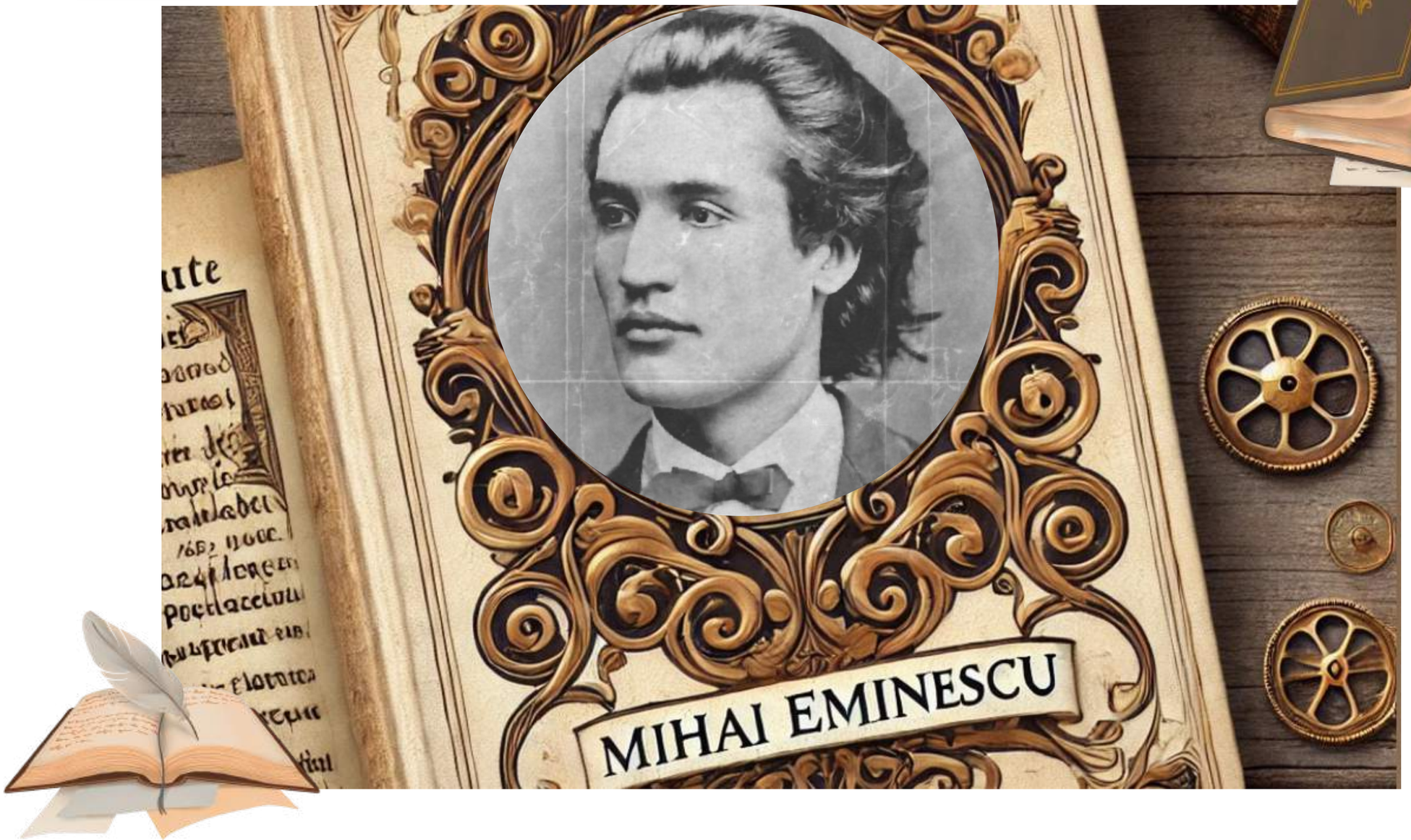
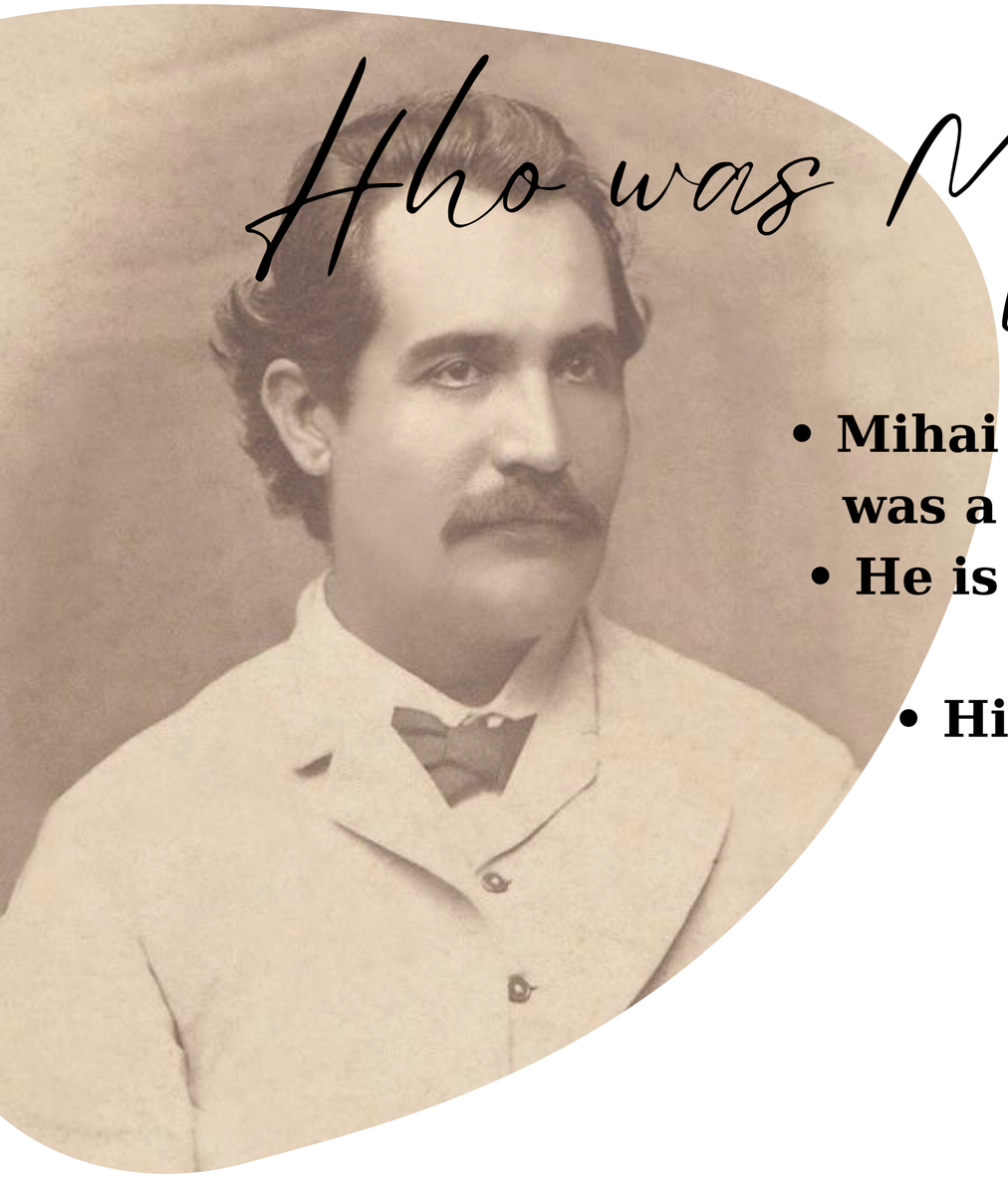
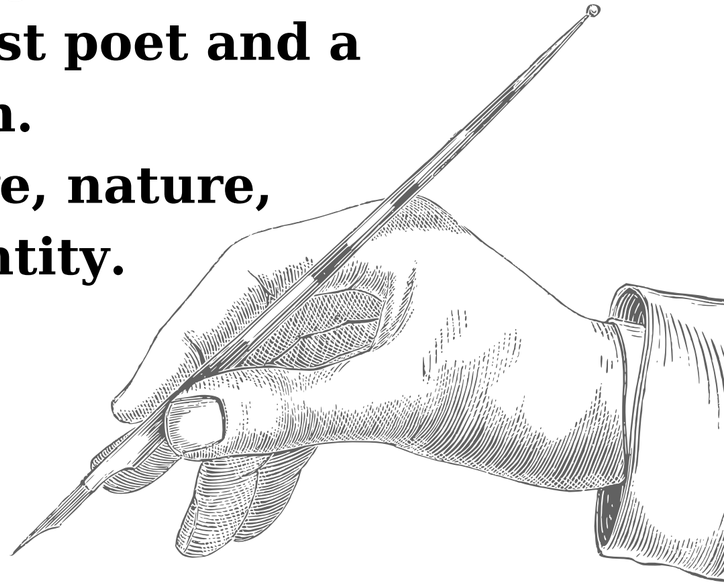

MIHAI EMINESCU



Who was Mihai Eminescu?

- **Mihai Eminescu (15 january 1850-15 june 1889) was a Romanian poet, novelist, and journalist.**
- **He is considered Romania’s greatest poet and a key figure of Romanticism.**
- **His works explore themes of love, nature, philosophy, and national identity.**



The Beginning of a Literary Genius

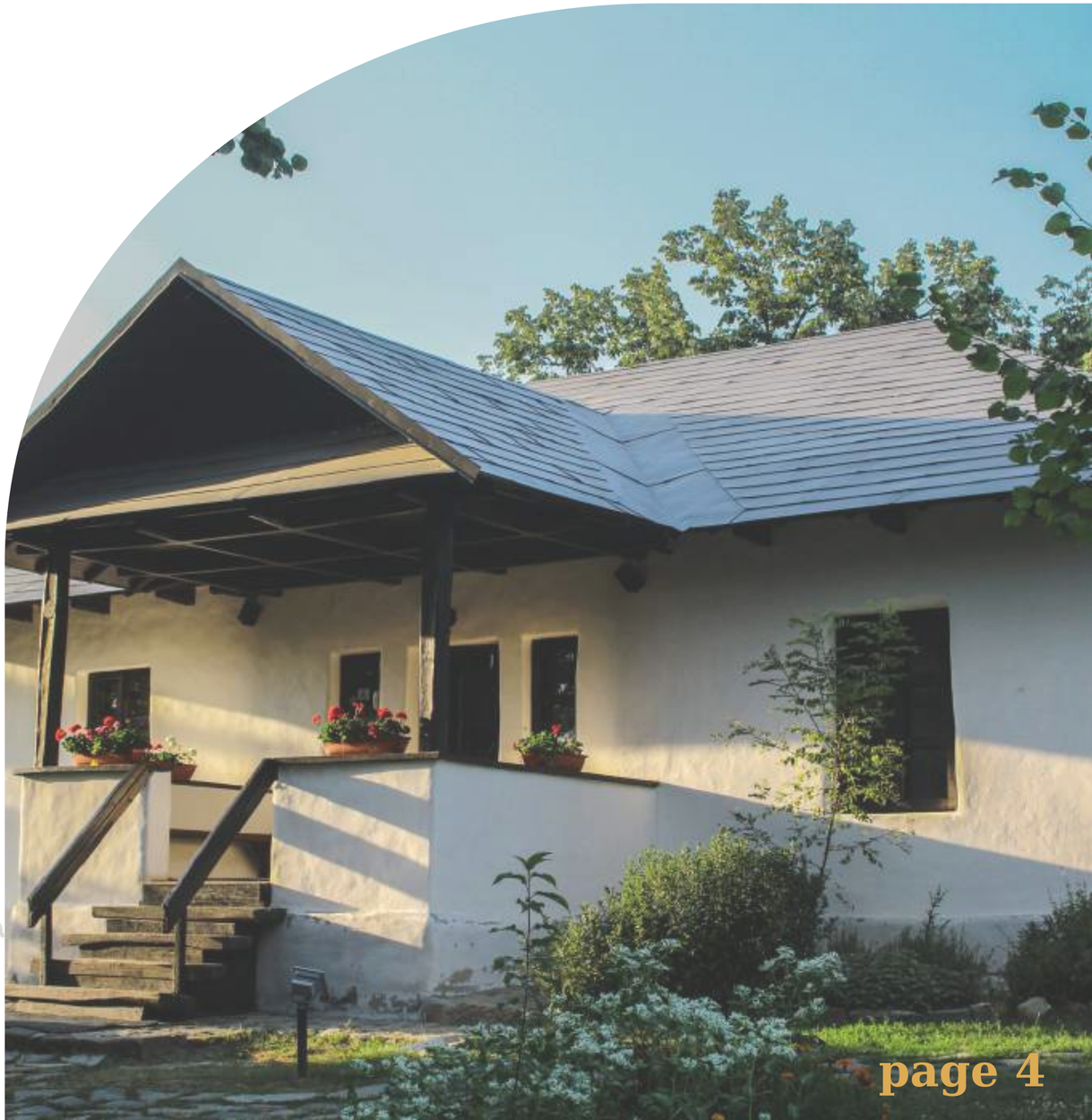
- **Published his first poem at age 16 in Familia magazine.**
- **Became part of Junimea, Romania's most important literary society.**
- **Worked as an editor for Timpul newspaper, where he wrote political**

Eminescu is for us what Shakespeare is for the English,
Dante for the Italians,
Hugo for the French

Family and Early Life

Family and Education

Eminescu came from a family of minor nobility, being the son of Gheorghe Eminovici and Raluca. He studied in Cernăuți, Vienna, and Berlin, deepening his knowledge of philosophy, literature, and history.





Influences and Travels

- Travelled to Germany and Austria, where he was exposed to European literature and philosophy.
- Influenced by German philosophers and Romantic poets.
- His works show the integration of these philosophical ideas with Romanian cultural themes.

Famous Poems

- **“The Evening Star” – a masterpiece about impossible love.**
- **“ I Have Only One Desire ”– a poem about longing.**
- **“The Hill in the Evening” – reflecting on nature and solitude.**
- **“Reunion” – expressing love and nostalgia.**



Prose and Other Works

- **“The Poor Dionysus” (“Sărmanul Dionis”) – a philosophical novella about human destinies and the nature of reality.**
- **“Cezara” – a romantic novella about love and sacrifice.**
- **“The Wasted Genius” (“Geniu Pustiu”) – a novella exploring the theme of creativity and genius.**
- **“Alexandru Lăpușneanu” – a historical novella about the ambitions and political conflicts in medieval Moldova.**

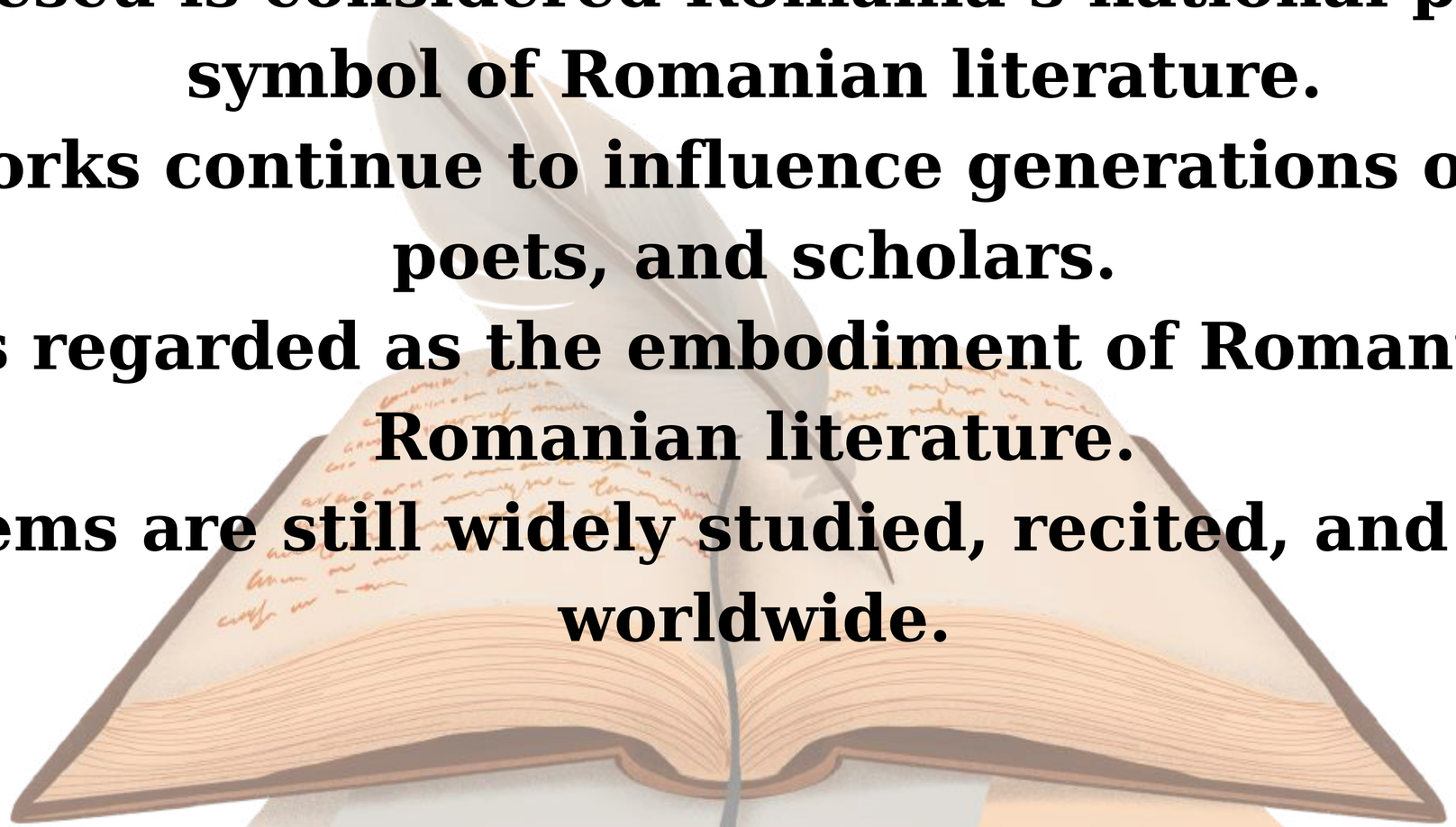


Themes in His Work

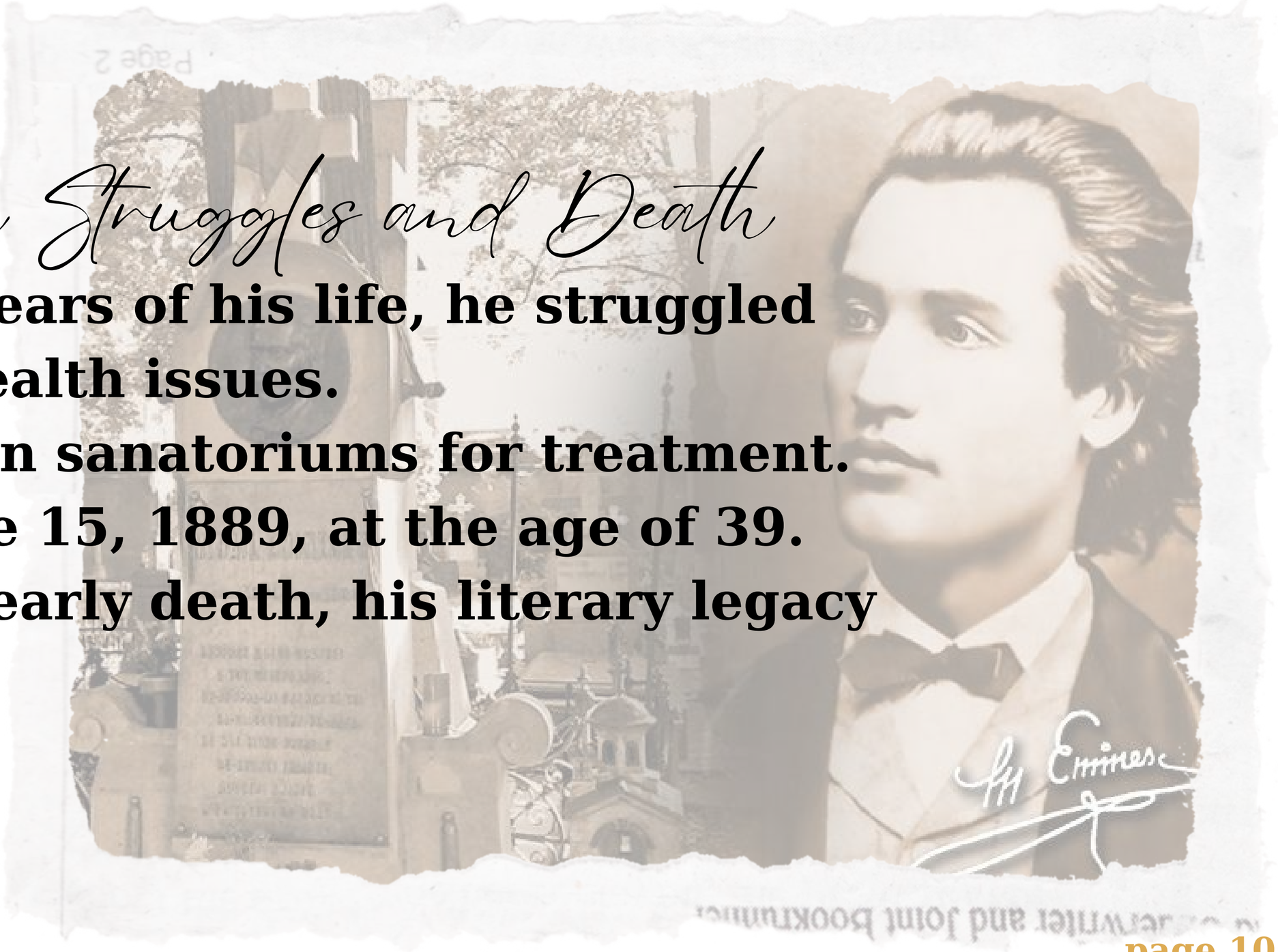
- **Romanticism: Explores nature, idealized love, and the inner conflict between the ideal and reality.**
- **Philosophy: Delves into deep existential themes such as time, death, immortality, and the human soul.**
- **Nationalism: Advocated for the cultural and linguistic development of Romania.**

Legacy and Importance

- **Eminescu is considered Romania’s national poet and a symbol of Romanian literature.**
- **His works continue to influence generations of readers, poets, and scholars.**
- **He is regarded as the embodiment of Romanticism in Romanian literature.**
- **His poems are still widely studied, recited, and celebrated worldwide.**



Health Struggles and Death



- **In the last years of his life, he struggled with mental health issues.**
- **Spent time in sanatoriums for treatment.**
- **Died on June 15, 1889, at the age of 39.**
- **Despite his early death, his literary legacy lives on.**

THANK YOU



