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This text will be of interest to scholars of any of the four main authors, or of German Idealism and its lingering implications for the aesthetic.

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- Represents the first comparative grouping of these four literary authors
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