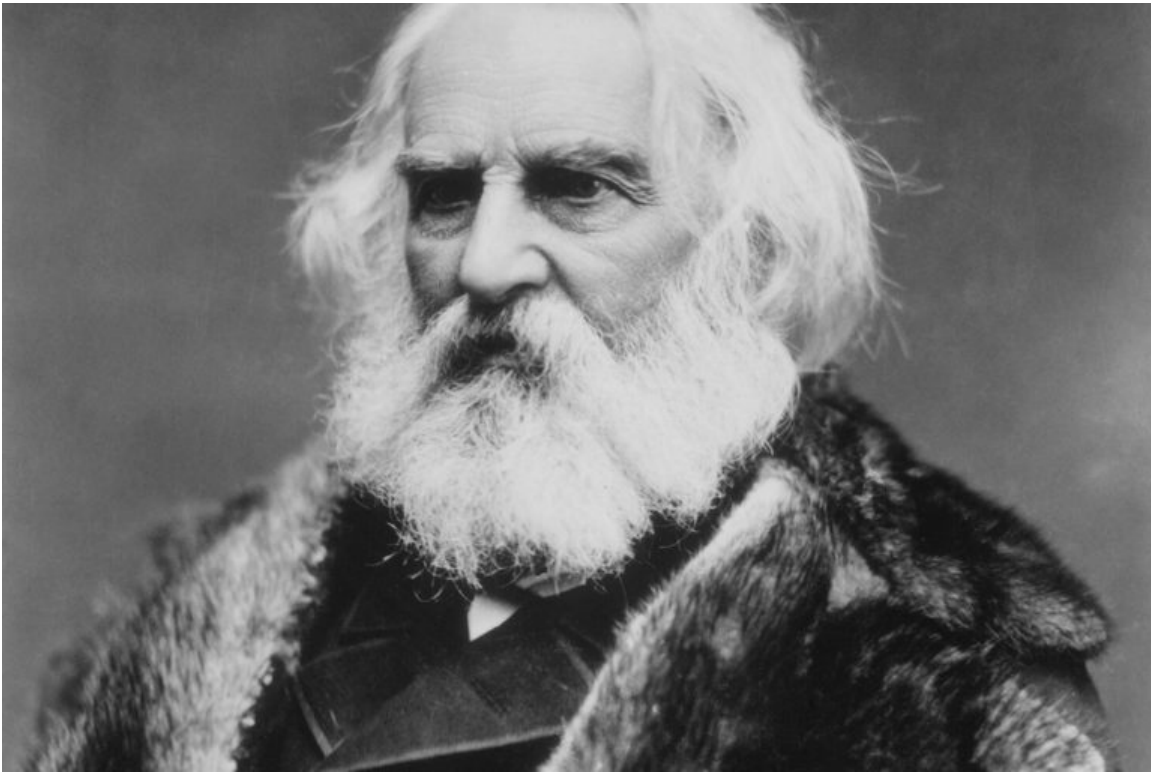


Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Born in Portland, Maine, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow displayed an interest in linguistics at an early age, eventually teaching modern languages at Harvard. His idealistic poetry struck a chord with a young country sharply divided over slavery. Poems such as the narrative *Evangeline* and "Paul Revere's Ride" made Longfellow the most popular 19th-century American poet.