

EXISTENTIALISM

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“EXISTENTIALISM,”
A PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY
MOVEMENT PARTICULARLY
ASSOCIATED WITH THE WRITINGS
OF SARTRE, IS CONCERNED WITH
QUESTIONS OF EXISTENCE. THE
VARIOUS THINKERS AND WRITERS
LINKED WITH IT BELIEVE THAT
THE PROBLEM OF CONCRETE OR
“LIVED” EXISTENCE TAKES
PRECEDENCE OVER KNOWLEDGE,
THUS REQUIRING NEW
CATEGORIES OF THOUGHT.
THEMES DISCUSSED MAY INCLUDE
NOTHINGNESS, ALIENATION,
DREAD, ANXIETY, THE ABSURD,
FREEDOM, AND COMMITMENT.