

American Literature 2: 1865-Present

ENGL 242

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Clark Hall 317

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This is a survey course covering American literature from the end of the Civil War until today. We'll read short stories, novels, essays, and poetry; canonical works and lesser-known ones that represent influential literary movements and key moments in American history across the late 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Together, we'll read, write about, and discuss these texts and their contexts; by the end of the semester, you should walk away with a deeper knowledge of American literature and what it can teach us about this country's past, present, and future.

Potential authors include: Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson, Henry James, Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Sylvia Plath, Shirley Jackson, Ursula K. Le Guin, Lorraine Hansberry, Audre Lorde, Carmen Maria Machado, and more...