

English 241

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American Literature Survey I

Required Text: George McMichael, et al, eds. Anthology of American Literature, Volume I, 8th edition (Prentice Hall)

8/18 Introduction to the course

8/20 Literature of Early America. Columbus 14; 16-23

8/22 Capt. John Smith 23; General History of Virginia 25-36

8/25 Native American Voices 47-62

8/27 Bradford 78; Of Plymouth Plantation 84-102

8/29 Morton 102; The New English Canaan 104-111. Winthrop 112; Journal 117-124, 126-7

9/1 Labor Day Recess

9/3 Williams 127; 128-34. New England Primer 138-9

9/5 Bradstreet 145; Poems 147-8, 155-67

9/8 Taylor 187; Poems: 188, 190, 191, 196-7, 199

9/10 Mather 201; The Wonders of the Invisible World 203-10, 217-8

9/12 Rolandson 230; A Narrative of the Captivity 231-48, 257-8, 262-3

9/15 Byrd 263; Secret Diary 264-8. Woolman 274; Journal 275-83

9/17 Test #1

9/19 Literature of the Eighteenth Century. Franklin 330; Autobiography 330, 335-49, 376-7, 385-9

9/22 Equiano 463; The Life 465-91

9/24 Crèvecoeur 448; Letters from an American Farmer 452-63

9/26 Paine 491; Common Sense 493-5; American Crisis 495-501; Age of Reason 501-4

9/29 Jefferson 509; Declaration 511-13; Notes 518-22; To John Adams 526-29

10/1 Native Voices 584: Son of the Forest 585-92; Story of the Indian 594-5; Orations 607-10

10/3 Poems: Bryant 716-7; Longfellow 1541-4; Emerson 909; Freneau 561-2 . 1 ~

10/6 Test #2

10/8 **Literature of the Nineteenth Century**

Irving 626; Rip Van Winkle 637-50

10/10 Irving; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow 650-71

10/13 Poe 731; Ligeia 746-57; Tell-Tale Heart 785-88

10/15 Poe; The Fall of the House of Usher 771-85

10/17 Poe: The Purloined Letter 788-801

10/20 Hawthorne 943; Young Goodman Brown 958-67; Maypole 968-76

10/22 Hawthorne; The Birth-Mark 985-96

10/24 Fuller 931; Woman in the Nineteenth Century 933-42

10/27 Discussion of paper topics. Bring to class the first paragraph of your paper with the thesis statement underlined and an outline of the rest of the paper. (Irving to Fern) 10/29 Fanny Fern 1647; Essays 1649-57 10/31 Paper#1 due

11/3 **Slavery and the Civil War** Thoreau 1340; Civil Disobedience 1342-58

11/5 Douglas 1658; Narrative of the Life 1659-86

11/7 Douglas; Narrative of the Life 1686-1718

11/10 Jacobs 1719; Incidents in the Life 1720-39

11/12 Jacobs; Incidents in the Life 1739-47; Sojourner Truth 727; 728-31

11/14 Stowe 1581; Uncle Tom's Cabin 1582-1601

11/17 Stowe; Uncle Tom's Cabin 1633-47

11/19 Lincoln 1747; 1749-51. Civil War poems: Melville 1328-31; Whittier 1550-54; Bryant 726

11/21 Whitman 1787; Drum-Taps 1870-76; When Lilacs Last 1878-85

Thanksgiving Recess: November 22 to November 30

12/1 Whitman 1804; 1856-62, 1869-70, 1885-6

12/3 Dickinson 1926; Poems 1928-50

12/5 Dickinson; finish poems. Letters 1950-55

Take home final exam: Bring your exam to my office during exam time or put it in my mailbox in 231 Stansbury by exam time. You may certainly turn it in early. Exam time is 8 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 11.