

*English 241 Course Outline

*I may change the schedule to better meet the needs of our class.

Homework (assigned readings and essays) should be ready to discuss or submit on the day they are listed.

Week 1

8/25 *Introduction to American literature from 1600-1865 and Native American Oral Literature and Poetry*

HW: Native American Oral Literature and "The Iroquois Creation Story", 29-35; "Powhatan's Discourse of Peace and War", 38-39; Poetry, "Cherokee War Song," "Lenape War Song" (41-43)

Week 2

9/1 *Early European Explorers/ Profiteers, Puritanism, and "Dangerous" Freedom*

HW: Columbus, 44-51; Smith, 53-65; Bradford, 69-87; Winthrop, 92-104; Edwards, 166-167; 192-204; Franklin, 204-214

Response Paper 1 due

Week 3

9/8 *Observational Writings, the Lives of Colonial Women, and Religious Enthusiasm*

HW: Bradstreet, 114-124; Rowlandson, 130-151; Mather, 159-165; Knight, 307-312; Occom, 284-292, and "Teaching Women's History: Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz," available online

Week 4

9/15 *Industry, Ethnography, Slavery and Equality*

HW: Franklin, 216-220; Equiano, 370-383; Murray, 406-415; Paine, 339-351; Jefferson, 354-360; St. John de Crèvecoeur, 321-332; Wheatley, 420-430

Response Paper 2 due

Week 5

9/22 *Federalism and Nature*

HW: "The Federalist," 360-370; Freneau, 416-420; Irving, 511-527; Bryant, 536-543; Foster's *Coquette*, Letters I-X, link provided on Canvas

Week 6

9/29 *Native Americans: Removal and Resistance*

HW: "Native Americans: Removal and Resistance," 631; Cooper, 527-536; Black Hawk, 631-637; Emerson, 648-651; Study for midterm.
Response Paper 3 due

Week 7

10/6 *American Gothic*

HW: Poe, 731-739; 762-766; 766-772; Hawthorne, 651-655; 685-706
Exam #1

Week 8

10/13 *American Gothic*

HW: Poe, 749-762; 785-790; Emerson, 550-582
Response Paper 4 due

Week 9

10/20 *American Transcendentalism*

HW: Thoreau, 903-962

Week 10

10/27 *American Transcendentalism (cont.) and Appeals for Fairness*

HW: Fuller, 803-814; Truth, 832-833; Lincoln, 799-801; Melville, 1241; Stowe, 838-878
Response Paper 5 due

Week 11

11/3 *Sentimental Persuasion and Slave Narrative*

HW: Douglass, 996-1066
Exam #2

Week 12

11/10 *The Inscrutable Soul*

HW: Melville, 1154-1210

11/14 **Last day to drop with a "W"**

Week 13

11/17 *Slave Revolt aboard Ship and the War*

HW: Melville, 1211-1240; Whitman, 1145-1154
Response Paper 6 due

Week 14

11/24 *American Literature*;

HW: Whitman, 1088-1145

Week 15

12/1 *Isolated Genius*; Final Exam Review

HW: Dickinson poems: 124, 207, 260, 269, 320, 340, 372, 373, 448, 479, 591, 706, 760, 1263

Term Paper due

Week 16

12/8 **Exam #3**

HW: Study for exam.