

American Literature

General Course Overview*

YES Writing

Wk	Reading	Writing Assignments/Exams
Semester 1		
1	“The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” “Earth on Turtle’s Back” “Learning to Love America”	
2	“How to Mark a Book” “To My Dear and Loving Husband” “Verses Upon the Burning of our House” Background reading on McCarthyism	17-Because poem Close Read, Anne Bradstreet
3	“The Crucible”	
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5	“On Being Brought from Africa to America” “To the Right Honorable William, Earl of Dartmouth” “A Demand to Limit Search and Seizure” “Poor Richard’s Almanack” “List of Virtues”	
6	“Common Sense” 1776	Close Read, James Otis
7	“American Crisis” “Correspondence with John” 1776	Final draft, argumentative essay on “The Crucible”
8	1776 “Federalist #1” “Washington’s Farewell Address”	
9	“Trail of Tears” Andrew Jackson’s Speech on Indian Removal Congressional Record of Davy Crockett’s Opposition <i>Uncle Tom’s Cabin</i> Student Choice Slave Narrative	
10	<i>Uncle Tom’s Cabin</i> Student Choice Slave Narrative Thanksgiving Proclamations	
11	<i>Uncle Tom’s Cabin</i> Student Choice Slave Narrative	Personal Thanksgiving Proclamation
12	<i>Uncle Tom’s Cabin</i> Student Choice Slave Narrative “Desiree’s Baby”	

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13	“The Raven” “The Telltale Heart”	Final draft, informative essay comparing <i>UTC</i> to student choice slave narrative
14	“Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions” “Address to the Ohio Women’s Rights Convention”	Close Read, Seneca Falls Parent-proctored Mid-Term
15	“I Hear America Singing” “O Captain, My Captain” “Elegy for JFK”	
Semester 2		
16	“To Build a Fire” Presentations	Multi-media presentation on student choice topic generated from literature
17	Presentations “Outcasts of Poker Flat”	Final draft of argumentative essay from student research for multi-media presentation
18	Narrative speeches “Jazz Fantasia”	Narrative speech telling a family story
19	“The Negro Speaks of Rivers” “Harlem” “I, Too” “Dream Boogie” <i>The Great Gatsby</i>	
20	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	
21	<i>The Chosen</i>	
22	<i>The Chosen</i>	Final draft, informative essay on <i>The Great Gatsby</i>
23	<i>The Chosen</i>	
24	“Raisin in the Sun” - watch 1961 film version	
25	“Raisin in the Sun” “Letter from Birmingham Jail”	Final draft, narrative essay on friendship based on a quote from <i>The Chosen</i>
26	Literature Circles - student choice novels	Close read, “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

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27	Literature Circles - student choice novels	
28	Literature Circles - student choice novels	Group Book Review - Google Slides Presentation
29	In-class final essay on student choice novel	Final Exam
30	This I Believe Gallery	This I Believe personal essay

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