

The Course Organizer
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This Course: American Literature

Is about...

Using reading and writing skills
as we learn about literature and its connection to
American History

Course Questions:

1. What authors have been influential in American literature and how?
2. What are the components of a good paragraph?
3. Choose a position and use persuasive writing to defend your position.?
4. What events in American History have impacted Literature?
6. What ideas from American Literature have impacted you and how?
7. Summarize and paraphrase main idea and supporting details.
8. Analyze a variety of nonfiction materials selected from journals, essays, speeches, and biographies.
9. Read, analyze and evaluate traditional, classical, and contemporary works of literary merit from American Literature.

Course Timeline:

September:

Revolutionary Writing
Founding Father Writings
Persuasive Writing

October:

Persuasive Writing
Influential deaths of summer
The Crucible

November:

Civil War Writing
African American Writings
Influential Writers

December:

Western Expansion
Native American Writings
Literature during the Depression

January:

Humanism
Of Mice and Men

Course Map
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Includes

Community Principles

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Best Effort
- Self Control
- Stewardship

Learning Rituals

- Class Readings
- Individual Projects
- Journal writings
- Films
- Field trips

Hands on Learning Activities

- Daily Projects
- Completion of 2 novels
- Journal Writing
- Persuasive Writing
- Influential Author Project
- Analysis of Literature's Impact

Critical Concepts:

Vocabulary Comprehension
Theme Grammar
Society Language
Paraphrasing Paragraph

Learned through these sources:

Short Stories

Poems

Play

Letters and
Speeches

Novel

To master:

Comprehension

Influential Authors

Paragraph Writing

Events in American
Literature

Impact of American
Literature