

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Grade Level: 11, 12 (College Prep)

Credit: 1.0

Prerequisites: English 9 and 10

American Literature allows students to delve into the variety of literature produced by American writers from colonial times forward. The course uses the poetry, essays, and short stories of American writers to teach key literary concepts and devices including style, imagery, irony, tone, diction, and structure. The class culminates in the writing of a final essay about several pieces of literature through which students practice the writing process of literary analysis, thesis formation, outlining, and drafting. **Can be taken in place of English 11.

American Literature Lessons

Teacher Message

Lesson 1: Anne Bradstreet

Lesson 2: Phyllis Wheatley

Lesson 3: Washington Irving

Lesson 4: Nathaniel Hawthorne

Lesson 5: Edgar Allen Poe

Lesson 6: Emily Dickinson

Lesson 7: Rebecca Harding Davis

Lesson 8: Walt Whitman

Lesson 9: Mark Twain

Lesson 10: Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Lesson 11: Kate Chopin

Lesson 12: Essay Assignment #1

Lesson 13: Essay Assignment #2



Lesson 14: Essay Assignment #3

Lesson 15: A Little on Rhetoric

Lesson 16: Final Essay Part 1 - Topic and Thesis

Lesson 17: Final Essay Part 2 – Outline

Lesson 18: Final Essay Part 3 – Paper

