ENGL 4311 : American Literature 1
SPRING 2015
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TTH 2:00 - 3 PM

Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter

COURSE DESCRIPTION : Selected works of the Colonial and Romantic period, with
emphasis on Anne Bradstreet, Edward Taylor, Jonathan Edwards, Franklin, Emerson,
Hawthorne, Thoreau, Whitman, and Frederick Douglass. An exploration of the Puritan
Vision (and critics of it), as well as Transcendentalism and the evolution of distinctively
American literature.

COURSE OBJECTIVE :
■ To develop an appreciation of the literature of America and the various cultures that
  produce it;
■ To pair canonical with non-canonical works in American literature;
■ To apply critical stances to works of literature;
■ To write about the authors and periods of American literary heritage.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Class attendance is mandatory; three unexcused absences will be penalized by a reduction
in your final grade.
Complete all reading assignments.
Three major papers will be assigned, and they should be submitted when due.
Full participation in class discussions is essential.
There will be quizzes, class presentations, and a final.
There will be no make up exams.

EVALUATION:
Two short papers.........................30%
A long essay..............................30%
Final.........................................30%
Attendance and Participation..........10%
READING AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

January 13: Introduction of the course.
January 15: Christopher Columbus, 107 – 119.
January 20: John Smith, 242 – 253. Paper 1
January 27 - 29: Anne Bradstreet, 382 – 401.
February 5 - 10: Mary Rowlandson,$28–456.
Paper 1 due.
February 26: Equiano, 1116 – 1149.Phillis Wheatley, 1205 ff (selections).

March 9 - 13: Spring Break
March 17 - 19: Poe, 2387 – 2414 (stories); 2357 ff (poems).
March 24 - 26: Emerson, 1516 ff ( Nature).

April 2 - 3: Holy Week Break
April 7: Frederick Douglas, 1814 - 43. Paper 2 due.
April 9: Thoreau, 1672 - 1686.
April 14 - 16: Hawthorne, Short stories, 2170ff (selections).
April 21: Melville, Short stories, 2554- 2580.

May 5: Final Exam. : 6:00 PM.