ENGL 4310 A / 6310 A: American Literature 1
FALL 2016

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TTH 1:00 - 3:00 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.
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Class attendance is mandatory; three unexcused absences will be penalized by a reduction
in your final grade.
Complete all reading assignments.
Your term paper must be presented in hard copy 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.
Any form of plagiarism will result in failure of the paper in question.

EVALUATION:
One long paper................................30%
Midterm.........................................20%
Final.............................................40%
Attendance and Participation..........10%
READING AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:


Aug 24: Background to American lit., 2 - 23.

Aug 29: Christopher Columbus, 62 - 73

Aug 31: Colonial Settlements, 93 - 106

Sept 5: John Smith, 110 - 119.

Sept 7: William Bradford, 124 – 146

Sept 12: Mary Rowlandson 190 – 228

Sept 14 - 26: Anne Bradstreet, 167 – 186; Edward Taylor, 229 – 243

Sept 26: Mid-semester Exam


Oct 10 - 11: Mid-semester Break

Oct 12 - 17: Equiano, 414 – 426; Phyllis Wheately, 505-516; Douglass, 855ff

Oct 19: Romanticism & Transcendentalism; Term Paper assigned

Oct 24: Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter

Oct 26 - 31: Emerson, 653ff; Thoreau, 792ff

Nov 1 - 3: Poe, 1018 - 1044; Poetry 1222ff
Nov 7 - 9: Hawthorne, 987 - 1018
Nov 14 - 16: Melville, Short stories 1075ff. Term Paper due (Nov 16)

Nov 21 -30: Whitman, "Leaves of Grass"

Nov 23 - 26: Thanksgiving Break

Dec 5: Last day of class

Dec 7: FINAL EXAM : 1:45 PM