

NFC ACADEMY



AMERICAN LITERATURE COURSE OVERVIEW

American Literature is a five-unit elective that engages high school students in a literary conversation with some of the most colorful and influential minds in American history. Their words will give students a greater understanding of themselves, their culture, and the ideas of others. The course teaches students the various movements in American literature, starting with the roots of American literature in writings from the Puritans. The course concludes with works by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other black writers who were part of the struggle for racial freedom during the civil rights era.

OBJECTIVES

BY THE END OF THIS COURSE STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize the religious beliefs of selected founding fathers, as evidenced in their writings.
- Identify the birth of a distinctively American literature.
- Recognize the impact of slavery on individuals and society.
- Understand and identify the influence of modernism upon religion and the arts.
- Recognize the dominant themes and techniques used in literature at the end of the twentieth century.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

In addition to the basic course program which includes daily lesson assignments, periodic quizzes and unit tests American Literature includes extra alternate projects and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs when assigned.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

Some assignments in this course require the use of resources that must be acquired separately. These outside resources are listed below by assignment.

Unit	Assignment	Resource
4	Required Unit Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Our Town</i>, by Thornton Wilder. Harper Perennial Modern Classics. ISBN: 9780060512637 (available from Alpha Omega Publications)

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GRADING INFORMATION

GRADING COMPONENTS

Lessons	35%
Quizzes	25%
Projects	10%
Tests	30%

GRADING SCALE

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C

69-60 D
Below 60 F