

Fall 2020 Course Description

Instructor: Hunter Plummer

Course: ENGL 227

Title: American Literature: Beginnings to Civil War

Description: This course is a survey of major authors, movements, and trends in literature within the contemporary bounds of the United States. Through a diverse body of texts, students will be introduced to a wide range of themes from and questions about the period between the days of European exploration and the American Civil War, creating a foundation in pre-1860s American literature. Requirements will include at least two exams and quizzes throughout the semester.

Proposed Readings: Writers may include Mary Rowlandson, Anne Bradstreet, Jonathan Edwards, Cotton Mather, Phillis Wheatley, William Apess, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Frederick Douglass, Herman Melville, Harriet Jacobs, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, and Emily Dickinson