



Curriculum Catalog

American Literature

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American Literature Course Overview

Monarch American Literature is a full-year, online Christian homeschool elective course that guides high school students through the rich literary heritage of the United States, from the Puritan era to contemporary literature, through a distinctly biblical lens. Students analyze how historical events, cultural movements, and influential authors have shaped the American story while evaluating enduring themes of faith, freedom, justice, identity, and redemption through the truth of Scripture.

Through reading, writing, discussion, and literary analysis, students strengthen their communication skills while learning to discern truth, think critically, and appreciate literature as part of God's unfolding story of humanity.

Unit 1: Puritans And Providence: Foundations Of Faith (1600-1750)			
American Literature	Assignments		
	1. Course Overview	12. Quiz 2: Puritans and Providence	
	2. Overview: Early America & the Role of Faith	13. Alternate Quiz 2: Puritans and Providence	
	3. The Iroquois: Origins and Order	14. Jonathan Edwards: Sinners and Salvation	
	4. William Bradford: Providence and Perseverance	15. Samuel Sewall: Conscience Against Chains	
	5. John Smith: Ambition and Providence	16. The Bay Psalm Book: Worship in Word	
	6. Quiz 1: Puritans and Providence	17. Quiz 3: Puritans and Providence	
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	8. Anne Bradstreet: Faith Through Fire	19. Special Project	
	9. John Winthrop: A City Upon a Hill	20. Test: Puritans and Providence	
	10. Project: The Voices of the Covenant Community	21. Alternate Test: Puritans and Providence	
	11. Mary Rowlandson: Captivity and Sovereignty	22. Reference	

Unit 2: Revolution And Reason: Freedom Founded On Faith (1750-1830)			
American Literature	Assignments		
	1. Overview: The Age of Reason and the American Revolution	12. Alternate Quiz 2: Revolution and Reason	
	2. Benjamin Franklin: Virtue and the Self-Made Soul	13. Olaudah Equiano: Freedom and Faith's Deliverance	
	3. Thomas Jefferson: Liberty and Light of Reason	14. Phillis Wheatley: Hope and Divine Calling	
	4. Patrick Henry: Liberty's Fiery Faith	15. Project: Letters of Wisdom	
	5. Quiz 1: Revolution and Reason	16. Phillip Freneau: Memory and Moral Valor	
	6. Alternate Quiz 1: Revolution and Reason	17. Quiz 3: Revolution and Reason	
	7. Thomas Paine: Courage in the Crisis	18. Alternate Quiz 3: Revolution and Reason	
	8. John Witherspoon: Providence and Principle	19. Special Project	
	9. Abigail Adams: Wisdom and Moral Resolve	20. Test: Revolution and Reason	
	10. J. Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur: The New American Dream	21. Alternate Test: Revolution and Reason	
	11. Quiz 2: Revolution and Reason	22. Reference	

Unit 3: Romantics, Reformers, And The Redeemed: Voices Of Moral Vision (1830-1870)			
American Literature	Assignments		
	1. Overview: Romanticism and Transcendental Thought	14. Alternate Quiz 2: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	
	2. Washington Irving: Awakening from Idleness	15. Frederick Douglass: Faith and Freedom's Fire	
	3. Project: Rip Van Winkle's Redemption Map	16. Harriet Beecher Stowe: Justice and Redemption	
	4. William Cullen Bryant: Nature and Eternity's Hope	17. Abraham Lincoln: Sacrifice and Moral Vision	
	5. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: Work and Worthiness	18. Walt Whitman: Creation and Sacred Humanity	
	6. Edgar Allan Poe: Conscience and the Cost of Sin	19. Emily Dickinson: Eternity and the Soul's Rest	
	7. Quiz 1: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	20. Quiz 3: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	
	8. Alternate Quiz 1: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	21. Alternate Quiz 3: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	
	9. Nathaniel Hawthorne: Hidden Sin Revealed	22. Special Project	
	10. Herman Melville: Servanthood and the Soul	23. Test: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	
	11. Ralph Waldo Emerson: Self-Reliance and the Spirit	24. Alternate Test: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed	
	12. Henry David Thoreau: Solitude and Simplicity	25. Reference	
	13. Quiz 2: Romantics, Reformers, and the Redeemed		

Unit 4: Realism, Reform, And Reflection: Ethics And Society (1870-1940)**Assignments**

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1.	Overview: Realism and Social Conscience in America	12.	Alternate Quiz 2: Realism, Reform, and Reflection
2.	Susan B. Anthony: Justice and the Call to Speak	13.	Jack London: Fire, Wisdom, and Survival
3.	Mark Twain: Conscience on the River	14.	Franklin Roosevelt: Courage in Crisis
4.	Stephen Crane: Faith Amid the Storm	15.	Carl Sandburg: Labor and the Soul of the City
5.	Quiz 1: Realism, Reform, and Reflection	16.	Edna St. Vincent Millay: Reflection and Moral Resolve
6.	Alternate Quiz 1: Realism, Reform, and Reflection	17.	Quiz 3: Realism, Reform, and Reflection
7.	Kate Chopin: Freedom and the Heart's Desire	18.	Alternate Quiz 3: Realism, Reform, and Reflection
8.	Ambrose Bierce: Choices and Consequences	19.	Special Project
9.	Charlotte Perkins Gilman: Mind, Dignity, and Renewal	20.	Test: Realism, Reform, and Reflection
10.	Project: Women and Moral Vision	21.	Alternate Test: Realism, Reform, and Reflection
11.	Quiz 2: Realism, Reform, and Reflection	22.	Reference

Unit 5: Dreams Redeemed: Faith And Freedom In Modern America (1940-Present)**Assignments**

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1.	A Dream Deferred: Setting the Stage for Change	11.	Alternate Quiz 2: Dreams Redeemed
2.	Project: Faith in the Fire-A Character Analysis from A Raisin in the Sun	12.	Faith on Trial: Redemption Through Loss
3.	Introducing the Youngers: Dreams and Dilemmas	13.	Dreams Redeemed: Faith, Family, and Freedom
4.	Hope and Hardship: Faith Under Pressure	14.	Claiming Dignity: The American Dream and Human Worth
5.	Quiz 1: Dreams Redeemed	15.	Quiz 3: Dreams Redeemed
6.	Alternate Quiz 1: Dreams Redeemed	16.	Alternate Quiz 3: Dreams Redeemed
7.	A House for Hope: The Price of a Dream	17.	Special Project
8.	Identity Under Pressure: New Promises, Old Prejudices	18.	Test: Dreams Redeemed
9.	When Dreams Collide: The Temptation of Wealth	19.	Alternate Test: Dreams Redeemed
10.	Quiz 2: Dreams Redeemed	20.	Reference