English 48A: Early American Literature

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Graded Assignments (all are optional - mix and match to suit your style and schedule)

- Midterm Exams Week 6: 4 short in-class essays, 100 points each; 400 points total max
- Final Exam Week 11: 4 short in-class essays, 100 points each; 400 points total max
- Internet Collages: due during class discussions, up to 10 points each; 100 points total max
- Weblog Postings: due during week author assigned, up to 10 points each; 100 points total max
- Critics Corner Journals: due anytime before Thurs 12/2, up to 20 points each; no limit extra credit

Grading Scale: out of 1000 points possible
A = 900-1000 (90%)  B = 800 – 899 (80%)  C = 700 – 799 (70%)  D = 600 – 699 (60%)

Week 1: COURSE INTRODUCTION - no reading assignments
M Syllabus  T Critics Corner Journals  W Internet Collages  Th How to Take Exams

Week 2: THE FIRST AMERICANS
M Iroquois Creation Myth  T Cabeza DeVaca  W John Smith  Th William Occam

Week 3: PURITANS

Week 4: REVOLUTIONARIES
M Paine "Common Sense"  T Paine "The Crisis"  W-Th Phillis Wheatley

Week 5: REBELS
M-T Olaudah Equiano  W-Th Margaret Fuller

Week 6: MIDTERM TESTS
M 1st Americans  T Puritans  W Revolutionaries, Th Rebels

Week 7: TRANSCENDENTALISTS

Week 8: AMERICAN GOTHIC

Week 9: SLAVE NARRATIVES
M-T Frederick Douglass  W-Th Harriet Jacobs

Week 10: CIVIL WARRIORS
M-T Harriet Beecher Stowe  W- Abraham Lincoln  Th no class

Week 11: FINAL EXAMS
M Transcendentalists T Goths  W Slave Narratives  Th Civil Warriors

Week 12: M no class  T- no class  W- Pick up grades and fill out Course Evaluations (9-11 a.m.)

ATTENDANCE: Students who are late or absent more than ten times may be dropped