

ACE Study Resource - ENGL 2327**Syllabus:**

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Textbook:

Levine, Ed. Norton Anthology of American Literature. New York: Norton, 2017. Print. ISBN: 9780393264548 (Vols. A & B)

Concepts:

- Colonial Era Literature
 - City upon a hill. being American as a new identity. (Letters to an American farmer), Puritan.
- Enlightenment Era Literature
 - Thomas Pain’s common sense.
- American Pre-Romanticism
 - Henry Longfellow and Washington Irving
- Cultural Identity in the early Republic
 - American Exceptionalism and Divine Providence
- American Renaissance
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson, Edgar Allan Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Margaret Fuller
- American Transcendentalism (American Idealism)
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau

Tips and Strategies:

- Practice writing in a journal or Word document at least 1 hour a day to build skills.
- Keep in mind the following of each writing era: topics, writing styles
 - For example, Colonial Era literature is expressed in the form letters, journals, and newspapers. The authors of this era typically wrote about divine providence, Native Americans, a city upon a hill, and narrative captivity stories.
- Name the eras and corresponding authors to help remember attached themes and styles.
- Form study groups where you can review and teach each other the authors and concepts.
- Teach others the concepts you have learned in class to reinforce knowledge.
- List similar themes between the authors of a given era on your own or in a group.

Resources:

- [Academic Center for Excellence Tutoring](#): To book an appointment with visit our website, call (956) 326-2884, or send an email to academicsupport@tamiu.edu.
- [TAMU ACE Academic Support Writing Handouts](#)

Practice and Application:

Below are practice problems to reinforce your knowledge of key course concepts.

1. Define the concept of America being a “City upon a hill.” Which author is credited with this idea and to which era of writing did he or she belong too?

2. Who are the main writers for the American Transcendentalist movement, and what are some ideas they wrote about?

Answer key:

1. John Winthrop is the author credited with this idea that America is a beacon of hope for the world, and that it is a model for everyone to follow the Christian model. John Winthrop’s ideas are found in the colonial era.

2. Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau are arguably the main writers in the Transcendentalist movement. The movement, which at times can be known as American Idealism, largely focused on nature, the oversoul, self-reliance, civil disobedience, and reason.

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 - This guide does not substitute your class.
 - This guide does not cover the entire syllabus or course.