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# American Literature I

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## COURSE SYLLABUS COLLIN COLLEGE (6 pages)

### Course Information

**Course Number:** ENGL 2327.XW1

**Course Title:** American Literature I: Colonial Period to the Civil War

**Course Description:** A survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement through the Civil War. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character.

**Course Credit Hours:** 3

**Lecture Hours:** 3

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 1302 or 2311

#### Student Learning Outcomes:

- **State-mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  1. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
  2. Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods. (Social Responsibility)
  3. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.
  4. Articulate the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
  5. Write research-based critical papers about the assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose, using various critical approaches to literature. (Critical Thinking and Communication Skills)
- **Additional Collin Outcome:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:
  1. Demonstrate personal responsibility through the ethical use of intellectual property. (Personal Responsibility)

#### Important Dates:

- Census Date: 1/29
- Withdraw Date: 3/5??? (check with registration/advising)
- Grades due in CougarWeb: 3/25, 11:00 pm

## If you register late for the course, you cannot make up any missed assignments

**College Repeat Policy:** Beginning fall 2016, Texas residents attempting a course more than twice at Collin College are subject to regular tuition plus an additional \$50 per semester credit hour.

**Plagiarism:** See the current *Collin Student Handbook*. As your instructor, I am asked to report suspected cases of plagiarism, collusion, and/or any scholastic dishonesty to the Dean of Students at Collin College. I will withhold a grade until your case is reviewed. All plagiarized assignments will receive a grade of a 0, and the student can possibly fail the course.

**Religious Holy Days:** Refer to the *Collin Student Handbook*.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

### Instructor Information

**Instructor's Name:** Kelly Martin, Ph.D.

**Office Number:** B-105, Spring Creek Campus (inside B-104 suite)

**Office Hours:** *Online only*--available to meet most any weekday for synchronous online appointments. Email to arrange date/time.

**Phone Number:** 972-516-5050 (email via Canvas instead of leaving voicemail)

**Email:** [kmartin@collin.edu](mailto:kmartin@collin.edu)--preferred method of contact is Canvas email  
Emails are *USUALLY* addressed within 24 hrs. (except on weekends)

**Minimum Technology Requirements:** Access to, and familiarity with, Microsoft Word (know how to double space, properly insert header and page #s, etc.); Internet-connected computer with appropriate hardware and software for listening to audio files and viewing online videos.

**Class Etiquette & Discussion Board Participation Requirements:** Refer to rubrics on pages 4 & 5 of this document.

**Supplies:** See Minimum Tech. Requirements above.

**Attendance Policy:** No late assignments are accepted. Technological difficulties, vacations, common illnesses, travel, and general life circumstances are not excuses for late work. Likewise, you should not wait until the “last minute” to start and/or submit an assignment.

- We are all busy but waiting until 11:55 pm (all assignments are due by 11:59 pm) will inevitably lead to difficulty, as your computer’s clock and Canvas’s clock may be differently set and/or your assignment submission may not upload on the first try.

**Meeting Times:** N/A—no formal course meetings, onsite or online, are required.

**Required (online) Textbook:** you will need to purchase **two** codes (one for textbook content & one for access to the textbook platform/site)—only available at Collin Bookstore. You can apply financial aid!!!

~Visit the Collin Bookstore website and purchase the textbook & access codes:

Select **SPRING CREEK CAMPUS** and then enter course information.

~Purchase **BOTH** codes:

(1) Online Textbook ISBN: ISBN 978-1-77330-038-2

(2) Top Hat (publisher) Website/Platform Code: ISBN 978-0-9866151-0-8  
This code is needed to actually view the textbook/content

~Once you have purchased BOTH codes, go to the Top Hat site (<https://tophat.com/>), and click on Sign-Up (upper right corner) and proceed from there.

~You will need to enter the course ID # & course password: (one time only)

**Join Code:** **027823**

**Course Password:** *collin* (case sensitive)

~Set up your account: preferred email address (an account that you regularly check) and **self-created** password. Do not worry about phone or ID #s.

~Upon log in, you should see a link to the course/textbook.

Should you require assistance with Top Hat, the Support Team can help! Contact support directly by way of email ([support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com)), chat, or calling at 1-888-663-5491

<https://success.tophat.com/s/contact-main> (copy/paste link)

## Method of Evaluation:

Out of 1000 points: (technically 999.6 pts.—averages will be rounded up, in student's favor)

7 Discussion Assignments: 71.4 pts. each

Discussion Rubric.2						
Criteria	Ratings					Pts
<p>Depth of Original Post</p> <p><i>~Post demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the assigned material(s) ~Answer(s) is/are rich, critical (deep), thought-provoking, original, and insightful; prompt(s) additional discussion; establish new connections between topics/ideas; establish(es) meaningful connections to material from other parts of the class, other classes, or other sources ~Post includes specific examples from the material(s) ~Points are fully developed/explained</i></p>	25.1 pts A Level	20.0 pts B Level	15.0 pts C Level	10.0 pts D Level	0.0 pts No post	25.1 pts
<p>Quality of Writing (both posts)</p> <p><i>~Composed in proper, standard American English that is appropriate for the college level ~Relatively free of grammatical, syntax, and diction errors ~Proofread ~Post(s) is/are easy to read and understand ~Only uses "I" when appropriate</i></p>	21.2 pts A Level	16.0 pts B Level	11.0 pts C Level	6.0 pts D Level	0.0 pts No Post	21.2 pts
<p>Depth of Reply Post</p> <p><i>~Response(s) provide(s) evidence that student understands and has considered the classmate's comments/answers (response is thoughtful and thought-provoking) ~Response(s) inspire(s) additional dialogue/exchanges and/or reconsideration of the original post (as related to support, use of evidence, examples given, etc.)</i></p>	25.1 pts A Level	20.0 pts B Level	15.0 pts C Level	10.0 pts D Level	0.0 pts No Post	25.1 pts
<b>Total Points: 71.4</b>						

7 Critical Question Assignments: 71.4 pts. each

Critical Question(s).2					
Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Quality of Writing <i>~Composed in proper, standard American English that is appropriate for the college level ~Relatively free of grammatical, syntax, and diction errors ~Proofread ~Is/are easy to read and understand ~Avoids "I"</i>	35.2 to >27.0 pts A Level	27.0 to >21.0 pts B Level	21.0 to >10.0 pts C Level	10.0 to >0 pts D Level	35.2 pts
Answer(s) <i>~Answer(s) demonstrate(s) in-depth knowledge and understanding ~Answer(s) is/are rich, critical, thought-provoking, original, and insightful ~ Answer(s) include(s) specific examples from the reading(s)</i>	36.2 to >36.0 pts A Level	36.0 to >27.0 pts B Level	27.0 to >17.0 pts C Level	17.0 to >0 pts D Level	36.2 pts
<b>Total Points: 71.4</b>					

**\*\*\*There will also be extra-credit opportunities!!!!**

1000-900 points=A

899-800 points=B

799-700=C

699-600=D

599 and below=F

All assignments are *usually* graded within a week (or less) of submission.

Due dates are subject to change; students will be notified via Canvas.

\*\*\*course calendar on next page

## Assignments Calendar:

Date	Details
Mon Jan 28, 2019	 <a href="#">E.C. Course Policies Quiz</a>  <a href="#">E.C. Pic. Upload</a>
Thu Jan 31, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 1 Discussion</a>
Fri Feb 1, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 1 Critical Question</a>
Tue Feb 5, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 2 Discussion</a>
Thu Feb 7, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 2 Critical QuestionS</a>
Mon Feb 11, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 3 Discussion</a>
Wed Feb 13, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 3 Critical Question</a>
Sat Feb 16, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 4 Discussion</a>
Tue Feb 19, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 4 Critical QuestionS</a>
Thu Feb 21, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 5 Discussion</a>
Mon Feb 25, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 5 Critical QuestionS</a>
Fri Mar 1, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 6 Discussion</a>
Fri Mar 8, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 6 Critical QuestionS</a>
Tue Mar 19, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 7 Discussion</a>
Fri Mar 22, 2019	 <a href="#">Chapter 7 Critical QuestionS</a>
Sat Mar 23, 2019	 <a href="#">Collin Writing Center E.C.--Submit here</a>  <a href="#">NetTutor E.C.--Submit here</a>

