

MERICAN LITERATURE I: Fall 2014
Final Exam Quotation List

QUOTE: They are a mixture of English, Scotch, Irish, French, Dutch, Germans, and Swedes. From this promiscuous breed, that race now called Americans have arisen.

SOURCE: J. Hector St. John De Crevecoeur. *From* Letters from an American Farmer. (1015)

QUOTE: If you cannot pay at the Time, you will be ashamed to see your Creditor; you will be in Fear when you speak to him; you will make poor pitiful sneaking Excuses, and by Degrees come to lose you Veracity, and sink into base downright lying; for *Poor Richard* says, *The second vice is Lying, the first is running in Debt.*

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. "The Way to Wealth" (917)

QUOTE: *God helps them that help themselves,* as *Poor Richard* says, in his Almanack of 1733.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, "The Way of Wealth" (Vol. A P914)

QUOTE: We have had some Experience of it; Several of our young People were formerly brought up at the Colleges of the Northern Provinces; they were instructed in all your Sciences; but, when they came back to us, they were bad Runners, ignorant of every means of living in the Woods, unable to bear either Cold or Hunger, knew neither how to build a Cabin, take a Deer, or kill an Enemy, spoke our Language imperfectly, were therefore neither fit for Hunters, Warriors, nor Counsellors; they were totally good for nothing.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. "Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America" (pg 928)

QUOTE: I was fatigu'd with Traveling, Rowing and Want of Rest. I was very hungry, and my whole Stock of Cash consisted of a Dutch Dollar and about a Shilling in Copper.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, *The Autobiography* (Vol A. P951)

QUOTE: As much hath been said of the advantages of reconciliation, which, like an agreeable dream, hath passed away and left us as we were, it is but right that we should examine the contrary side of the argument, and enquire into some of the many material injuries which these Colonies sustain, and always will sustain, by being connected with and dependant on Great-Britain.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine. *Common Sense*. Vol A. Pg.1048

QUOTE: *If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.*

SOURCE: Thomas Paine *from* *Common Sense*

QUOTE: Many a disguised Tory has lately shown his head, that shall penitentially solemnize with curses the day on which Howe arrived upon the Delaware

SOURCE: The American Crisis Thomas Paine 1055

QUOTE: ...and I leave the ideas that are suggested in the conclusion of the work to rest on the mind of the reader; certain as I am that when opinions are free, either in matters of government or religion, truth will finally and powerfully prevail.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine, *The Age of Reason*, P1065

QUOTE: "Sees the fierce Wrong, and to the rescue flies."

SOURCE: Phillis Peters Wheatley, *Liberty and Peace*, pg. 1363

QUOTE: "The land of errors, and Egyptian gloom: /Father of mercy, 'twas thy gracious hand, /Brought me in safety from those dark abodes."

QUOTE: 'Twas mercy brought me from my *Pagan* land,

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley. *On Being Brought from Africa to America*,. Vol A. P1357

QUOTE: Remember, *Christians, Negros*, black as *Cain*, / May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatly. "On Being Brought from Africa to America" (1357)

QUOTE: Nature never wears a mean appearance.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Nature*. Vol B. P1827

QUOTE: The sun illuminates only the eye of the man, but shines into the eye and the heart of the child.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, P1827

QUOTE: There I feel that nothing can befall me in life,-no disgrace, no calamity, (leaving me my eyes,) which nature cannot repair.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Nature" (pg 1827)

QUOTE: "In the woods too, a man casts off his years as the snake his slough, and what period of soever of his life, is always a child."

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, pg. 1827

QUOTE: Nature always wears the colors of the spirit

SOURCE: Emerson Nature (page 1828)

QUOTE: I become a transparent eye-ball; I am nothing; I see all; the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or particle of God.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson : 'Nature'

QUOTE: To the body and mind which have been cramped by noxious work or company, nature is medicinal and restores their tone. The tradesman, the attorney comes out of the din and craft of the street, and sees the sky and the woods, and is a man again. In their eternal calm, he finds himself.

SOURCE: Ralph Emerson. "Nature" (1830)

QUOTE: Man is timid and apologetic; he is no longer upright; he dares not say 'I think,' 'I am,' but quotes some saint or sage. He is ashamed before the blade of grass or the blowing rose.

SOURCE: Emerson Self-Reliance

QUOTE: Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to that iron string.

SOURCE: Emerson Self-Reliance

QUOTE: A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self-Reliance" (pg 1869-1870)

QUOTE: No law can be sacred to me but that of my nature. Good and bad are but names very readily transferable to that or this; the only right is what is after my constitution, the only wrong what is against it.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson *Self-Reliance* (Vol B. P1871)

QUOTE: Governments show thus how successfully men can be imposed on, even impose on themselves, for their own advantage.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government", P1980

QUOTE: This American government,--what is it but a tradition, though a recent one, endeavoring to transmit itself unimpaired to posterity, but each instant losing some of its integrity?

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau "Resistance to Civil Government" (pg 1980)

QUOTE: Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to the Government," (1980)

. QUOTE: He who gives himself entirely to his fellow-men appear to them useless and selfish; but he who gives himself partially to them is pronounced a benefactor and philanthropist.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau Resistance to Civil Government pg. 1982

QUOTE: There are thousands who are *in opinion* opposed to slavery and to the war, who yet in effect do nothing to put an end to them; who esteem one themselves children of Washington and Franklin, sit down with their hands in their pockets, and say that they know not what to do, and do nothing; who even postpone the question of freedom to the question of free-trade, and quietly read the prices-current along with the latest advices from Mexico, after dinner, and, it may be, fall asleep over them both.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. "Resistance to Civil Government". Vol. B. Pg. 1983

QUOTE: They hesitate, and they regret, and sometimes they petition; but they do nothing in earnest and with effect. They will wait, well-disposed, for others to remedy the evil, that they may no longer have it to regret.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau 'Resistance to Civil Government'

QUOTE: I spent two years of childhood on this plantation in my old master's family. It was here that I witnessed the bloody transaction recorded in the first chapter; and as I received my first impressions of slavery on this plantation, I will give some description of it, and of slavery as it there existed.

SOURCE: *Frederick Douglass Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and American Slave* (pg 2175)

QUOTE: It was here that I witnessed the bloody transactions recorded in the first chapter; and as I received my first impressions of slavery on this plantation.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass", P2175

QUOTE: I did not, when a slave, understand the deep meaning of those rude and apparently incoherent songs. I was myself within the circle; so that I neither saw nor heard as those without might see and hear.

SOURCE: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (page 2177)

QUOTE: To those songs I trace my first glimmering conception of the dehumanizing character of slavery. I can never get rid of that conception. Those songs still follow me, deepen my hatred of slavery, and quicken my sympathies for my brethren in bonds.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Vol. B. Pg. 2178

QUOTE: Whilst I was saddened by the thought of losing the aid of my kind mistress, I was gladdened by the invaluable instruction which, by the merest accident, I had gained from my master.

SOURCE: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (page 2187)

QUOTE: I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and incur my own abhorrence.

SOURCE: Fredrick Douglas 'Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglas, an American Slave

QUOTE: The slaveholders have been known to send in spies among their slaves, to ascertain their views and feelings in regard to their condition,

SOURCE: Frederick Douglas, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave' (2180)

QUOTE: Slavery soon proved its ability to divest her of these heavenly qualities. Under its influence, the tender heart became stone, and the lamblike disposition gave way to one of tigerlike fierceness.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narratives of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* (Vol. B P2189)

QUOTE: I long to hear that you have declared an independancy—and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticular care and attention is not paid to the Laidies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.

SOURCE: Abigail Adams, from *Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776*, P1069

QUOTE: If rights are founded in the nature of our moral being, then the *mere circumstance of sex* does not give to man higher rights and responsibilities, than to woman.

SOURCE: Angela Grimke, Letter XII, Human Rights Not Founded on Sex, (2452)

QUOTE: "I recognize no rights but human rights-I know nothing of men's rights and women's rights, for in Christ Jesus, there is neither male nor female."

SOURCE: Angelia Grimke, from the Letter XII. Human Rights Not Founded on Sex pg. 2454

QUOTE: Woman, instead of being regarded as the equal of man, has uniformly been looked down upon as his inferior, a mere gift to fill up the measure of his happiness.

SOURCE: Angelina Grimke. *Letters to Catherine Beecher*. Vol. B. Pg. 2453

QUOTE: Fashionable women regard themselves, and are regarded by men, as pretty toys or as mere instruments of pleasure; and the vacuity of mind, the heartlessness, the frivolity which is the necessary result of this false and debasing estimate of women, can only be fully understood by those who have mingled in the folly and wickedness of fashionable life.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, "Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman", P2444

QUOTE: The virtue of female slaves is wholly at the mercy of irresponsible tyrants, and women are bought and sold in our slave markets, to gratify the brutal lust of those who bear the name Christians.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké, "Letters on the Equality of the sexes, and the Condition of Woman" (pg 2446)

QUOTE: "In Christian America, the slave has no refuge from unbridled cruelty and lust."

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, from Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and Condition of Women, pg. 2446

QUOTE: I am persuaded woman ran do much in this way to elevate her own character. And that we may become duly sensible of the dignity of our nature, only a little lower than the angels, and bring forth to the glory.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, Letter XV Man Equality Guilty with Woman in the Fall (2448)

QUOTE: I dropped the baby (it was a *female*, and I thought it just as well to put her out of future misery.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern (Sara Willis Parton), "Hints to Young Wives", P2465

QUOTE: Now the truth is just this, and I wish all the women on earth had but one ear in common, so that I could put this little bit of gospel into it:-Just so long as a man isn't quite sure as if he knew for certain, whether nothing on earth could ever disturb your affection for him, he is your humble servant, but the very second he finds out (or thinks he does) that he has

possession of every inch of your heart, and no neutral territory-he will turn on his heel and march off whistling “Yankee Doodle!”

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, “Hints to Young Wives” (pg 2464)

QUOTE: Meanwhile woman’s millennium is yet a great way off; and while it slowly progresses, conservatism and indifference gaze through their spectacles at the seething elements of to-day, and wonder “what ails all our women?”

SOURCE: Fanny Fern (Sara Willis Parton), “The Working Girls of New York” (Vol B. P2472)

QUOTE: Would it not be better and more manly to point out a better way kindly, justly, *and above all, respectfully?* or-what would be a much harder task for such critics-write a better book!

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. “Male Criticism on Ladies Books.” (2469)

QUOTE: Can I clap my hands at some public speaker when I am nearly bursting with delight?...Bah---you know I can’t. “free!” humph!

SOURCE: Fanny Fern ‘Independence’

QUOTE: “...with a heart quite as hungry and unappeased, who also faces day by day the same appalling question: *Is this life has for me?*”

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. The Working-Girls of New York. Vol B. P2472

QUOTE: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;...

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Declaration of Sentiments” (Vol B. P2477)

QUOTE: The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward a woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton. *Declaration of Sentiments*. Vol. B. Pg. 2478

QUOTE: After depriving her of all rights as a married women, if single, and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognizes her only when her property can be made profitable to it.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton ‘Declaration of Sentiments’

QUOTE: It war then so anteluvian an’ premature cold that my upper and lower teeth an’ tongue war all collapsed together as tight as a friz oyster; but I took a fresh twenty-pound bear off my

back that I'd picked up on my road, and beat the animal agin the ice till the hot ile began to walk out on him at all sides.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett, "Sunrise in His Pocket" (P 2488)

QUOTE: She'll be a thunderin' fine gal when she gets her natural growth, if her stock o' Crockett lightning don't burst her biler, and blow her up.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett, "Crockett's Daughters" (pg 2491)

QUOTE: I'm the very infant that refused his milk before its eyes were open, and called out for a bottle of old Rye!

SOURCE: Mike Fink. "Mike Fink's Brag". Vol. B. Pg. 2491

QUOTE: I can out-run, out-jump, out-shoot, out-brag, out-drink, an' out-fight, rough-an'-tumble, no holts barred, ary man on both sides the river from Pittsburgh to New Orleans an' back ag'in to St. Louiee. Come on, you flatters, you bargers, you milk-white mechanics, an' see how tough I am to chew! I ain't had a fight for two days an' I'm spilein' for exercise. Cocke-a-doodle-do!

SOURCE: Mike Fink 'The Crockett Almanacs' 'Mike Fink's Brag'

QUOTE: There was an iciness, a sinking, a sickening of the heart- an unredeemed dreariness of thought which no goading of the imagination could torture into aught of the sublime.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Fall of the House of Usher", P2706

QUOTE: I must perish in this deplorable folly. Thus, thus, and not otherwise, shall I be lost. I dread the events of the future, not in themselves, but in their results.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. "The Fall of the House of Usher". Vol. B. Pg. 2710

QUOTE: "Villains!" I shrieked, "dissemble no more! I admit the deed!—tear up the planks! here, here!—it is the beating of his hideous heart!"

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe "The Tell-Tale Heart" (Vol. B 2731).

UOTE: And this maiden she lived with no other thought /Than to love and be loved by me

SOURCE: Poe "Annabel Lee"

QUOTE: And neither the angels in heaven above, /Nor the demons down under the sea, / Can ever dissever my soul from soul /of the beautiful ANNABEL LEE:

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. Annabel Lee. VOL B. P2768

QUOTE: And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes/Of the beautiful Annabel Lee:/And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side/Of my darling--my darling--my life and my bride,

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. "Annabel Lee" (2768)

QUOTE: Any man is a dolt who permits a 'secret' drawer to escape him in a search of this kind.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe, "The Purloined Letter," (2735).

QUOTE: And my soul from out of that shadow that lies floating on the floor Shall be lifted –
nevermore!

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. The Raven. VOL B. P2767

QUOTE: Her high-borne turban'd head she wags, and rolls her darkling eye, And courtesies to the regiments, the guidons moving by.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "Ethopia Saluting the Colors," (3211)

QUOTE: "Thy black cylindric body, golden brass and silvery steel,
Thy ponderous side-bars, parallel and connecting rods, gyrating shuttling at thy sides,
Thy metrical, now swelling pant and roar, now tapering in the distance"

SOURCE: "To a Locomotive in Winter" pg. 3024 Walt Whitman

QUOTE: I saw battle-corpses, myriads of them,
And the white skeletons of young men, I saw them,
I saw the debris and debris of all the dead soldiers of the war,
But I saw they were not as was thought,
They themselves were fully at rest, they suffer'd not,
The living remain'd and suffer'd, the mother suffer'd,
And the wife and the child and the musing comrade suffer'd,
And the armies that remain'd suffer'd.

SOURCE: SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd",

QUOTE: When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd, And the great star early drooped in the western sky in the night, I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman. When Lilacs in the Dooryard Bloom'd. Vol B. P3312

QUOTE: Now as the savages...had never complied with any of these necessary forms, it plainly follows that they had no right to the soil, but that it was completely at the disposal of the first comers, who had more knowledge and more wants than themselves.

SOURCE: Washington Irving "A History of New York"

QUOTE: All this is very possible, it is only our self-sufficiency that makes us think otherwise; and I warrant the poor savages, before they had any knowledge of the white men, armed in all the terrors of glittering steel and tremendous gunpowder, were as perfectly convinced that they themselves were the wisest, the most virtuous, powerful and perfect of created beings, as are, at this present moment

SOURCE: Washington Irving. A History of New York. Vol B. Pg. 2307

QUOTE: Thus have I clearly proved, and I hope strikingly illustrated, the right of the early colonists to the possession of this country----and thus is this gigantic question, completely knocked in the head....

SOURCE: Washington Irving. from A History of New York. Vol. B. Pg.2309