

ENG 211 American Lit I
Fall 2020 Final Exam Quotes
Dr. Halbert

QUOTE: He is not only able to cast wicked men into hell, but He can most easily do it.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* P724

QUOTE: My landlord's daughter, Rachel, offered her service to wash my linen and regaled me with a mess of hominy, tossed up with rank butter and glister sugar.

SOURCE: William Bryd, *The History of the Dividing Line* Vol. A. pg 674

QUOTE: 'Twas mercy brought me from my *Pegan* land, /Taught my benighted soul to understand That there's a God, that there's a *saviour* too.

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, "On Being Brought from Africa to America." Volume A, Pg. 1357

QUOTE: Elate with hope her race no longer mourns, Each soul expands, each grateful bosom burns, While in thine hand with pleasure we behold, The silken reins, and *Freedom's* charms unfold

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, "To the Right Honourable William, Earl of Dartmouth, His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for North America, &c," P1353

QUOTE: Their Complexion sometimes is made an Argument, why nothing should be done for them. A Gay sort of argument! As if the great God went by the Complexion of Men, in His Favors to them! As if none but Whites might hope to be Favored and Accepted with God! Whereas it is well known That the Whites, are the least part of Man-kind.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology Of American Literature Vol A. (The Negro Christianized by Cotton Mather page 576)*

QUOTE: The injuries and disadvantages we sustain by that connection, are without number... any submission to, or dependance on, Great Britain, tends directly to involve this Continent in European wars and quarrels, and set us at variance with nations who would otherwise seek our friendship, and against whom we have neither anger nor complaint.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine. *Common Sense*. Vol A. Pg. 1050

QUOTE: 'Tis repugnant to reason, to the universal order of things, to all examples from former ages, to suppose that this Continent can long remain subject to any external power.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine from "Common Sense" Vol A. pg. 1052

QUOTE: I have debauched no other Woman's Husband, nor enticed any Youth; these Things I never was charg'd with, nor has any one the least Cause of Complaint against me, unless, perhaps, the Minister, or Justice, because I have had Children without being married, by which they have missed a Wedding Fee.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology Of American Literature Vol A. ("The Speech of Miss Polly Baker" by Benjamin Franklin page 920)*

QUOTE: You believe I have offended Heaven, and must suffer eternal Fire: Will not that be sufficient? What need is there, then, of your additional Fines and Whipping?

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, "The Speech of Polly Baker." Volume A, Pg. 922

QUOTE: But, how can it be believed, that Heaven is angry at my having Children, when to the little done by me towards it, God has been pleased to add his Divine Skill and admirable Workmanship in the Formation of their Bodies, and crown'd it, by furnishing them with rational and immortal Souls.

SOURCE: Polly Baker. "The Speech of Polly Baker.". Vol A. Pg. 920

QUOTE: If we are industrious, we shall never starve.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. *The Way to Wealth*. Vol A. Pg. 914

QUOTE: We are taxed twice as much by our *Idleness*, three times as much by our *Pride*, and four times as much by our *Folly*.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, "The Way to Wealth." Volume A, Pg. 914

QUOTE: And now to conclude, *Experience keeps a dear School, but Fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that*; for it is true, *we may give Advice, but we cannot give Conduct*, as *Poor Richard* says: However remember this, *They that won't be counselled, can't be helped*, as *Poor Richard* says: And farther, *That if you will not hear Reason, she'll surely rap your Knuckles*.

SOURCE: "The Way to Wealth" by Benjamin Franklin, Vol A. pg. 918

QUOTE: The Indians improved daily and wonderfully by their intercourse with the whites. They took to drinking rum, and making bargains. They learned to cheat, to lie, to swear, to gamble, to quarrel, to cut each other's throats, in short, to excel in all the accomplishments that had originally marked the superiority of their Christian visitors.

SOURCE: Washington Irving. From *A History of New York*. Handout Pg. 2305.

QUOTE: I do not remember to have ever met a slave who could tell of his birthday. They seldom come nearer to it than planting-time, harvest-time, cherry-time, spring-time, or fall-time. A want of information concerning my own was a source of unhappiness to me even during childhood. The white children could tell their ages. I could not tell why I ought to be deprived of the same privilege. I was not allowed to make any inquiries of my master concerning it.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Volume B, Pg. 2171

QUOTE: I was not allowed to be present during her illness, at her death, or burial.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2172

QUOTE: He then said to her, "Now, you d—d b---h, I'll learn you how to disobey my orders!" and after rolling up his sleeves, he commenced to lay on the heavy cowskin, and soon the warm, red blood (amid heart-rending shrieks from her, and horrid oaths from him) came dripping to the floor.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2174

QUOTE: It may, perhaps, be fairly questioned, whether any other portion of the population of the earth could have endured the privations, sufferings and horrors of slavery, without having become more degraded in the scale of humanity than the slaves of African descent.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, Pg. 2166

QUOTE: "This they would sing, as a chorus to words which too many would seem unmeaning jargon, but which nevertheless, were full of meaning to themselves. I have sometimes thought that the mere hearing of those songs

would do more to impress some minds with the horrible character of slavery, than the reading of whole volumes of philosophy on the subject could do”

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave* (Page 2177)

QUOTE: I have been frequently asked, when a slave, if I had a kind master, and do not remember ever to have given a negative answer.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2180

QUOTE: A still tongue makes a wise head

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* P2180

QUOTE: “For it is almost an unpardonable offence to teach a slave to read in this Christian country”

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave* (Page 2189)

QUOTE: The man who wields the blood-clotted cowskin during the week fills the pulpit on Sunday, and claims to be a minister of the meek and lowly Jesus. The man who robs me of my earnings at the end of each week meets me as a class-leader on Sunday morning, to show me the way of life, and the path of salvation. He who sells my sister, for purposes of prostitution, stands forth as the pious advocate of purity. He who proclaims it a religious duty to read the Bible denies me the right of learning to read the name of the God who made me.

SOURCE: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2230

QUOTE: I will not say that this most horrid murder produced no sensation in the community. It did produce sensation, but not enough to bring the murderess to punishment. There was a warrant issued for her arrest, but it was never served. Thus she escaped not only punishment, but even the pain of being arraigned before a court for her horrid crime.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2183

QUOTE: Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your sex.

SOURCE: Abigail Adams. *Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776*. Vol A. Pg. 1069.

QUOTE: But in this country you need not be told how much female Education is neglected, nor how fashionable it has been to ridicule Female learning, tho I acknowled[ge] it my happiness to be connected with a person of a more generous mind and liberal Sentiments.

SOURCE: Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams. Vol A. Pg. 1073

QUOTE: We are the subjects. We have only the Name of Masters, and rather than give up this, which would completely subject Us to the Despotism of the Petticoat, I hope General Washington, and all our brave Heroes would fight.

SOURCE: “Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, April 14, 1776” Vol A. pg 1069

QUOTE: It may be the Will of Heaven that America shall suffer Calamities still more wasting and Distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the Case, it will have this good Effect, at least: it will inspire Us with many Virtues, which We have not, and correct many Errors, Follies, and Vices, which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy Us.- The Furnace of Affliction produce Refinement, in States as well as Individuals. And the new Governments we are assuming, in every Part, will require a Purification from our Vices, and an Augmentation of our Virtues or they will be no Blessings.

SOURCE: Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, July 3. 1776. Vol A. Pg. 1071

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 full 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 Women. Vol B. Pg. 2444.

QUOTE: There is another and much more numerous class in this country, who are withdrawn by education or circumstances from the circle of fashionable amusements, but who are brought up with the dangerous and absurd idea, amusements, that marriage is a kind of preferment; and that to be able to keep their husband's house, and render his situation comfortable, is the end of her being.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and the Condition of Women*. Vol B. Pg. 2444

QUOTE: "The influence of women over the minds and character of children of both sexes is allowed to be far greater than that of men. This being the case by the very ordering of nature, woman should be prepared by education for the performance of their sacred duties as mothers and as sisters"

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Women* (Page 2445)

QUOTE: Can any American woman look at these scenes of shocking licentiousness and cruelty, and fold her hands in apathy, and say, 'I have nothing to do with slavery'? *She cannot and be guiltless*

SOURCE: Sara Moore Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and the Condition of Women*, P2447

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: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, ANGELINA GRIMKE
"Human Rights Not Founded on Sex Volume B, Pg. 2454

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

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *Declaration of Sentiments*, P2478

QUOTE: But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their duty to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton *Declaration of Sentiments*. Vol B. (page 2478)

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; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton *Declaration of Sentiments*. Vol B Pg. 2479.

QUOTE: Whether ladies can write novels or not, is a question I do not intend to discuss; but that some of them have no difficulty in finding either publishers or readers is a matter of history; and that gentleman often write over feminine signatures would seem also to argue that feminine literature is, after all, in good odor with the reading public.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, "Male Criticism on Ladies Books," P2469

QUOTE: What a fool I was not to think of it- not to remember that men who make the laws, make them to meet all these little emergencies.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, "A Law More Nice Than Just," Vol B Page 2469

QUOTE: whose husband belongs to three clubs, and whose only meal with his family is an occasional breakfast, from year's end to year's end; who is as much a stranger to his own children as to the reader;

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, "The Working-Girls of New York," Fanny Fern Pg. 2471

QUOTE: To-morrow is Sunday-"day of rest," I believe they call it. H-u-m-p-h!- more cooking to be done-more company-more confusion than on any other day in the week. If I own a soul I have not heard how to take care of it for many a long day. Wonder if my master and mistress calculate to pay me for that, if I lose it?

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, Franny Fern "Soliloquy of a Housemaid" Section, Pg. 2467

QUOTE: Just so long as a man isn't quite as 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-he will turn on his heel and march off whistling "Yankee-Doodle!"

SOURCE: Fenny Fern, "Hints to Young Wives". *page 2464*)

QUOTE: 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.

SOURCE: Fenny Fern, "Hints to Young Wives". Volume B, pg. 2464

QUOTE: "The sun walked up beautiful, salutin' me with sich a wind o' gratitude that it mad me sneeze. I lit my pipe by the blaze o' his top-knot, shouldered my bear. An' walked home, introducin' people to the fresh daylight with a piece of sunrise in my pocket."

SOURCE: Davey Crockett "Sunrise in His Pocket" P2488

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

SOURCE: Mike Fink, Mike Fink's Brag

QUOTE: I must abandon life and reason together, in some struggle with the grim phantasm, FEAR

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe, "The Fall of the House of Usher," P2711

QUOTE: He had never wronged me. He had never gave given me insult. For his gold I had no desire. I think it was his eye! Yes, it was this!

SOURCE: EDGAR ALLAN POE, "The Tell- Taler Heart." Volume B, Pg. 2727

QUOTE: Whenever it fell upon me, my blood ran cold; and so by degrees—very gradually—I made up my mind to take the life of the old man, and thus rid myself of the eye forever.

SOURCE: "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, Vol B. pg 2727

QUOTE: "And have I not told you that what you mistake for madness is but over acuteness of the senses?"

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe "The Tell-Tale Heart" (Page 2792)

QUOTE: And this Maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me.

SOURCE: EDGAR ALLAN POE, "Annabel lee." Volume, Pg. 2768

QUOTE: The angels, not half so happy in heaven,
Went envying her and me

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "Annabel Lee," P2768

QUOTE: So that her highborn kinsmen came
And bore her away from me,
To shut her up in a sepulchre

SOURCE: "Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe, Vol.B pg 2768

QUOTE: But the fact is I was napping, and so gently you came rapping.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. "The Raven." Vol B. Pg. 2765, Line 21

QUOTE: I am ashamed to think how easily we capitulate to badges and names, to large societies and dead institutions. Every decent and well-spoken individual affects and sways me more than is right.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self-Reliance," P1871

QUOTE: It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion: it is easy in solitude to live after your own; but the great man is he who is in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, "Self Reliance," Ralph Waldo Emerson Pg. 1872

QUOTE: The other terror that scares us from self-trust is our consistency; a reverence for our past act or word, because the eyes of others have no other data for computing our orbit than our past acts, and we are loath to disappoint them.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance*, Vol B Page 1873

QUOTE: If you can love me for what I am, we shall be the happier. If you cannot, I will still seek to deserve that you should. I will not hide my tastes or aversions. I will so trust that what is deep is holy, that I will do strongly before the sun and moon whatever inly rejoices me, and the heart appoints.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance*, Vol B Page 1880

QUOTE: Another sort of false prayers are our regrets. Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is the infirmity of will. Regret calamities, if you can thereby help the sufferer; if not, attend your own work, and already the evil begins to be repaired.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance* 1882

QUOTE: Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance*, Vol B Page 1887

QUOTE: To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, Vol B Page 1826

QUOTE: To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society. I am not solitary whilst I read and write, though nobody is with me. But if a man would be alone, let him look at the stars.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Nature*. Vol B. Pg. 1826

QUOTE: To speak truly, few adult persons can see nature. Most persons do not see the sun. At least they have a very superficial seeing. The sun only illuminates the eye of a man, but shines into the eye of a child.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emmerson, Chapter I: *Nature*, P1827

QUOTE: This is the best part of these men's farms, yet to this their warranty-deeds give no title.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, *Nature*, Ralph Waldo Emerson Pg, 1827

QUOTE: Nature says,-he is my creature, and maugre all his impertinent griefs, he shall be glad with me.

SOURCE: Ralph Emerson, *Nature*: Chapter I, P1827

QUOTE: I see the spectacle of morning from the hill-top over against my house, from day-break to sun-rise, with emotions which an angel might share.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emmerson, Chapter III: Beauty, P1830

QUOTE: And as the eye is the best composer, so light is the first of painters.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Beauty*, Vol B Page 1829

QUOTE: I ask for, not at once no government, but at once a better government. 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 Civil Government," P1980

QUOTE: "Governments show just how successfully men can be imposed upon, even imposed on themselves, for their own advantage. It is excellent, we must all allow; yet this government never of itself furthered any enterprise but the alacrity with which it got out of its way. It does not keep the country free. It does not settle the West. It does not educate. The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way."

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau "Resistance to Civil Government" (Page 1981)

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, esteeming 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, quietly read the prices-current along with the latest advices from Mexico, after dinner, and, it may be, fall asleep over them both.

SOURCE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Paul Lauter, Volume B, "Resistance to Civil Government," by Henry David Thoreau, Pg. 1983

QUOTE: Unjust laws exist: shall we be content to obey them, or shall we endeavor to amend them, and obey them until we have succeeded, or shall we transgress them at once?

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government," P1985

QUOTE: *Me master years a hundred since from my parents sunder'd, / A little child, they caught me as the savage beast is caught, / Then hither me across the sea the cruel slaver brought.* (P3311)

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "Ethiopia Saluting the Color"

QUOTE: Thy trills of shrieks by rocks and hills return'd
Launch'd o'er the prairies wide, across the lakes,
To the free skies unpent and glad and strong

SOURCE: Walt Whitman "To A Locomotive in Winter" Vol B. 3321

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",