

ENG 211 American Literature I (Fall 2022—Halbert)  
Final Exam Quotation Guide

QUOTE: T'was mercy brought me from my pagan land,  
Taught my benighted soul to understand  
That there's a God, that there's a saviour too:  
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, "On Being Brought from Africa to America"

QUOTE: This I desire not for their hurt, but to convince them of the strange absurdity of their conduct, whose words and actions are so diametrically opposite. How well the cry for liberty, and the reverse disposition for the exercise of oppressive power over others agree -I humbly think it does not require the penetration of a philosopher to determine.

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley. *Letters to Samson Occom*. Vol A. Pg. 1157

QUOTE: I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could.

SOURCE: Abigail Adams. "Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776"

QUOTE: I am constrained to say, both from experience and observation, that their education is miserably deficient; that they are taught to regard marriage as the one thing needful, the only avenue to distinction; hence to attract the notice and win the attention of men, by their external charms, is the chief business of fashionable girls.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sarah Moore Grimke  
Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Page 2444

TITLE : Letters on the

QUOTE: The immense usefulness and the vast influence of woman have been eulogized and called into exercise, and many a blessing has been lavished upon us, and many a prayer put up for us, because we have labored by day and by night to clothe and feed and educate young men, whilst our own bodies sometimes suffer for want of comfortable garments, and our minds are left in almost utter destitution of that improvement which we are toiling to bestow upon the brethren....

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke. *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes*. Vol B. Pg. 2449

QUOTE: "My doctrine then is, that whatever it is morally right for man to do, it is morally right for woman to do."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: :Angelina Grimke  
Not Founded on Sex  
2452

TITLE : Letter XII. Human Rights  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Pg.  
2452

QUOTE: The fact that women are denied the right of voting for members of congress, is but a poor reason why they should also be deprived of the right of petition. If their numbers are counted to swell the number of representatives in our State and National legislatures, the very least that can be done is to give them the right of petition in all cases whatsoever; and without any abridgement. If not, they are mere slaves, known only through their masters...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Angelina Grimke  
Beecher

TITLE : Letters to Catherine  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Page 2450

QUOTE: Everybody knows what an everlasting drizzle of rain we have had lately, but nobody but a woman, and a woman who lives on fresh air and out-door exercise, knows the thralldom of taking her daily walk through a three weeks' rain, with skirts to hold up, and umbrella to hold down, and puddles to skip over, and gutters to walk round, and all the time in a fright lest, in an unguarded moment, her calves should become visible to some one of those rainy-day philanthropists who are interested in the public study of female anatomy.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. "A Law More Nice Than Just". Vol B. Pg. 2469

QUOTE: "Washington was very well. If he couldn't spell and I'm glad, we are all free; but as a woman I shouldn't know it."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Fanny Fern  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): 2471

TITLE : Independence

QUOTE: it occurred to me (I believe it was a suggestion of Satan,) that the *pocket* might need mending; so I turned it inside out, and what do you think I found? A *love-letter from him to my dress-maker!!* I dropped the coat, I dropped the work-basket, I dropped the buttons, 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, "Hints to Young Wives"

QUOTE: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
sentiments  
2477

TITLE : Declaration of  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Page

QUOTE: "He has endeavored, in every way that he could, to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self- respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject to life."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Elizabeth Cady Staton TITLE : Declaration  
of Sentiments BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol. B Pg. 2479

QUOTE:" I always had the praise o` raisin the tallest and fattest, and sassiest gals in all America. They can out-run, out-jump, out-fight, and out-scream any critur in creation; and for scratchin; thar`s not a hungry painter, or a patent horse-rake can hold a claw to `em"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Davy Crockett TITLE : Crockett's Daughters , Vol B,  
Pg2490 BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

QUOTE: "The whole neighborhood abounds with local tales, haunted spots, and twilight superstitions; stars shoot and meteors glare oftener across the valley than in any other part of the country, and the nightmare with her ninefold, seems to make it the favorite scene of her gambols."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Washington Irving TITLE : The  
Legend of Sleepy Hollow BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol. Pg. 2520

QUOTE: The letter states that young Matthews had been left in charge of the farm; that he gave an order to the servant, which was disobeyed, when he proceeded to the house, obtained a gun, and, returning, shot the servant.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : Narrative of the Life of Frederick  
Douglass, and American Slave BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF  
APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2168

QUOTE: Frequently, before the child has reached its twelfth month, its mother is taken from it, and hired out on some farm a considerable distance off, and the child is placed under the care of an old woman, too old for field labor. For what this separation is done, I do not know, unless it be to hinder development of the child's affection toward its mother, and to blunt and destroy the natural affection of the mother for the child. This is the inevitable result.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : Narrative of the life of  
Frederick Douglass, an American slave BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF  
APPLICABLE): Vol B. page 2171

QUOTE: "All of these lived at the Great House Farm, and enjoyed the luxury of whipping the servants when they please, from old Barney down to William Wilkes, the coach-driver."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Fredrick Douglass  
*Fredrick Douglass, an American Slave*  
APPLICABLE): Vol. B. Pg. 2179

TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of*  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF

QUOTE: I would at times feel that learning to read and had been a curse rather than a blessing.

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

QUOTE: "But, such is not the state of the case. I say it with a sad sense of the disparity between us. I am not included within the pale of this glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us"

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Fredrick Douglass  
is the Fourth of July, Vol B, Pg.2241

TITLE: What to the slave  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

QUOTE: This celebration also marks the beginning of another year of your national life; and reminds you that the Republic of America is now 76 years old. I am glad, fellow-citizens, that your nation is so young.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : What to the Slave is the Fourth of July  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2235

QUOTE: Fellow-citizens; above your national, tumultuous joy, I hear the mournful wail of millions! whose chains, heavy and grievous yesterday, are, to-day, rendered more intolerable by the jubilee shouts that reach them. If I do for-get, if I do not faithfully remember those bleeding children of sorrow this day, "may my right hand forget her cunning, and may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth!" To forget them, to pass lightly over their wrongs, and to chime in with the popular theme, would be treason most scandalous and shocking, and would make me a reproach before God and the world.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?* Vol B. Pg. 2242

QUOTE: "He who will, intelligently, lay down his life for his country, is a man whom it is not in human nature to despise."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Fredrick Douglass  
Slave Is the Fourth of July?  
2239

TITLE : What to the  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Pg.

QUOTE: Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in the Declaration of Independence, extended to us?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass      TITLE : What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2241

QUOTE: Fellow-citizens; above your national, tumultuous joy, I hear the mournful wail of millions! Whose chains, heavy and grievous yesterday, are, to-day, rendered more intolerable by the jubilee shouts that reach them.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass      TITLE : What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2242

QUOTE: Feeling themselves harshly and unjustly treated by the home government, your fathers, like men of honesty, and men of spirit, earnestly sought redress.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass      TITLE : What to the slave is the Fourth of July      BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): 2237

QUOTE: The fact is, ladies and gentlemen, the distance between this platform and the slave plantation, from which I escaped, is considerable and the difficulties to overcome in getting from the latter to the former are by no means slight

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass      TITLE : What is the slave to the fourth of July      BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): 2236

QUOTE: By an act of the American Congress, not yet two years old, slavery has been nationalized in its most horrible and revolting form. By that act, Mason & Dixon's line has been obliterated; New York has become as Virginia; and the power to hold, hunt, and sell men, women, and children as slaves remains no longer a mere state institution.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass      TITLE : What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

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

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson.      TITLE : Nature  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Pg.1827

QUOTE: "I became a transparent eyeball; I am nothing, I see all; the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or particle of God"

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Ralph Waldo Emerson      TITLE: Chapter 1 Nature, Vol B, Pg.1827      BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

QUOTE: "Nothing is quite beautiful alone; nothing but is beautiful in the whole. A single object is only so far beautiful as it suggests this universal grace."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE: NATURE, Vol B,  
Pg.1832 BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

QUOTE: "What I must do, is all that concerns me, not what the people think."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : Self-  
Reliance BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol. B Pg. 1872

QUOTE: Your genuine action will explain itself and explain your other genuine actions. Your conformity explains nothing.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : Self Reliance  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): 1874

QUOTE: "Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present in every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adopted talent of another; you have only an extemporaneous, half possession."

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE: Self- Reliance, Vol  
B, Pg.1884 BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

QUOTE: I appeal from your customs. I must be myself. I cannot break myself any longer for you, or you. If you can love me for what I am, we shall be the happier. If you cannot, I will 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 what ever inly rejoices me, and the heart appoints.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : Self-reliance  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Page 1880

QUOTE: Nature stretcheth out her arms to embrace man, only let his thoughts be of equal greatness.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*

QUOTE: A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within, more than the lustre of the firmament of bards and sages.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Self-Reliance*. Vol B. Pg. 1869

QUOTE: That government is best which governs least.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau  
Government

TITLE : Resistance to Civil

QUOTE: All men recognize the right to revolution; that is, the right to refuse allegiance to and to resist the government, when its tyranny or its inefficiency are great and unendurable.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau  
Government  
1982

TITLE : Resistance to Civil

BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol B. Page

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: AUTHOR: Henry David Thoreau  
Government, Vol B, Pg.1985

TITLE: Resistance to Civil

BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):

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

QUOTE: I can out-run, out-jump, 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.

SOURCE: Mike Fink

TITLE : Mike Fink's Brag

QUOTE: Eagerly I wished the morrow;—vainly I had sought to borrow  
From my books surcease of sorrow—sorrow for the lost Lenore—  
For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore—  
Nameless *here* for evermore.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Raven"

QUOTE: But even yet I refrained and kept still. I scarcely breathed. I held the lantern motionless. I tried how steadily I could maintain the ray upon the eye. Meantime the hellish tattoo of the heart increased. It grew quicker and quicker, and louder and louder every instant. The old man's terror must have been extreme! It grew louder, I say, louder every moment! --do you mark me well? I have told you that I am nervous: so I am!

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. "The Tell-Tale Heart." Vol B. Pg. 2729

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

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Edgar Allen Poe TITLE : Annabel Lee  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2768

QUOTE: And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride,  
In the sepulcher there by the sea—  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Edgar Allen Poe TITLE : Annabel Lee  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): The Heath Anthology of American Literature/Vol B/ Pg#2768

QUOTE: I've known her — from an ample nation —  
Choose One —  
Then — close the Valves of her attention —  
Like Stone —

SOURCE: Emily Dickinson, "The Soul selects her own Society"