

ENG 211 (Fall 2026—Halbert)
Midterm Exam Quotation Guide

QUOTE: He said, "I want a little piece of land, only as much as a cowhide will cover. Will you give it to me?"

"Oh yes, we can give you that much." Ah, but they did not use just the cowhide. They began to cut it into little thin strips so that when stretched out it encircled a large piece of land.

SOURCE: Author: Lenni Lenape (Delaware) Title: *Arrival of the Whites* Pg BA116

QUOTE: The chiefs and wise men, assembled in council, form themselves into a large circle, towards which the man in red clothes approaches with two others.

SOURCE: Author: Lenni Lenape (Delaware) Title: *Arrival of the Whites* Pg BA117-118

QUOTE: "For they count this the most just cause of war, when any people, holdeth a piece of ground void and vacant, to no good or profitable use"

SOURCE: Thomas More, *Utopia*.

QUOTE: They could not imagine a naturalness so pure and simple as we see by experience; nor could they believe that our so-ciety could be maintained with so little artifice and human solder.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE TITLE : *Of Cannibals*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: The Heath Anthology of American Literature Vol.A (P110)

QUOTE: The laws of nature still rule them, very little corrupted by ours.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Michel De Montaigne 1533 - 1592 TITLE: *Of Cannibals*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: The Heath anthology of American literature

QUOTE: They even laid wagers on whether they could manage to slice a man in two at a stroke, or cut an individual's head from his body, or disembowel him with a single blow of their axes.

QUOTE: They have no religion and are not idolaters; but all believe that power and goodness dwell in the sky and they are firmly convinced that I have come from the sky with these ships and people. In this belief they gave me a good reception everywhere, once they had overcome their fear; and this is not because they are stupid—far from it, they are men of great intelligence, for they navigate all those seas, and give a marvelously good account of everything—but because they have never before seen men clothed or ships like these.

SOURCE: Christopher Columbus, *Letter of Columbus to Various Persons Describing the Results of His First Voyage and Written on the Return Journey*, Page 95 (BA)

QUOTE: The Lord our God, living and eternal, created the heaven and the earth, and one man and one woman, of whom you and we, and all the men of the world, were and are descendants, as well as all those who come after us.

SOURCE: Palacios Rubios "Requermiento" page 117

QUOTE: But if you do not do this or if you maliciously delay in doing it, I certify to you that with the help of God we shall forcefully enter into your country and shall make war against you in all ways and manners that we can...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Palacios Rubios TITLE : "Requermiento" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 118

SOURCE: We protest that the deaths and losses which shall accrue from this are your fault, and not that of their highnesses

AUTHOR : Palacios Rubios TITLE : "Requermiento" P.118

QUOTE: I found very many islands with large populations and took possession of them all for their Highnesses; this I did by proclamation and unfurled the royal standard. No opposition was offered.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus TITLE : Letter of Columbus to Various Persons Describing the Results of His First Voyage and Written on the Return Journey BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 93

QUOTE: God made all the peoples of this area. many and varied as they are. as open and as innocent as can be imagined. The simplest people of the world—unassuming. long-suffering. unassertive. and submissive—they are without malice or guile. and are utterly faithful and obedient both to their own native lords and to the Spaniards in whose service they now find themselves.

SOURCE: Bartolomé de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* Pg. BA99

QUOTE: They forced their way into native settlements, slaughtering everyone they found there, including small children, old men, pregnant women, and even women who had just given birth. They hacked them to pieces, slicing open their bellies with their swords as though they were so many sheep herded into a pen. They even laid wagers on whether they could manage to slice a man in two at a stroke, or cut an individual's head from his body, or disembowel him with a single blow of their axes. They grabbed suckling infants by the feet and, ripping them from their mothers' breasts, dashed them headlong against the rocks. Others, laughing and joking all the while, threw them over their shoulders into a river, shouting: "Wriggle, you little perisher."

SOURCE: Bartolomé de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, Page 101 (BA)

QUOTE: He came back from there after a short time, saying that his people asked that all classes of Indians who were in our power be given to them, both those in the service of Spaniards and those of the Mexican nation of the suburb of Analco. He demanded also that his wife and children be given up to him, and likewise that all the Apache men and women whom the Spaniards had captured in war [be turned over to them], inasmuch as some Apaches who were among them were asking for them.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Antonio de Otermín TITLE : Antonio de Otermín, letter of the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, 8 September 1680 BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Page 108

QUOTE: On the next day, Friday, the nations of the Taos, Pecuries, Hemes, and Querez having assembled during the past night, when dawn came more than 2,500 Indians fell upon us in the Villa

SOURCE: Antonio de Otermín, letter on the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, 8 September 1690 Pg. BA109

QUOTE: And he, seeing that in spite of entreating me so much I still declined to accept it, asked me why I avoided doing so, to which I responded that I refused to take that responsibility because I was certain and knew that he would not see the ships again nor the ships him, and that I understood this on seeing how unprepared they were to go inland, and that I was more willing than he and the others to expose myself to danger and endure whatever he and the others were to endure than to take charge of the ships and give occasion that it be said, as I had opposed the overland expedition, that I remained out of fear, for which my honor would be under attack, and that I preferred risking my life to placing my honor in jeopardy.

SOURCE: Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, *The Relación of Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca*, Page 141 (BA)

QUOTE: Being thus left to our fortunes, it fortuneed that within ten days scarce ten amongst us could either go, or well stand, such extreme weakness and sickness oppressed us.

SOURCE: *The General History of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles*, John Smith Pg BA152

QUOTE: ...Pocahontas, the King's dearest daughter, when no entreaty could prevail, got his head in her arms and laid her own upon his to save him from death...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Smith TITLE : *The General History of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 158

QUOTE: My cloak is stolen by one of my own fellows, and to his dying hour [he] would not tell me what he did with it; but some of my fellows saw him have butter and beef out of a ship, which my cloak, I doubt [not], paid for.

SOURCE: Richard Frethorne, to His Parents Pg 331

QUOTE: There-fore if you love or respect me as your child, release me from the bondage and save my life. Now you may save me, or let me be slain with infidels.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Richard Frethorne TITLE : from Richard Frethorne, to His Parents (Virginia, 1623) BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P. 333

QUOTE: And here is to be noted a special providence of God, and a great mercy to this poor people, that here they got seed to plant them corn the next year, or else they might have starved, for they had none nor any likelihood to get any till the season had been past, as the sequel did manifest.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Willam Bradford TITLE : *Of Plymouth Plantation* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# pg 167

QUOTE: And I may not omit here a special work of God's providence. There was a proud and very profane young man, one of the seamen, of a lusty, able body, which made him the more haughty; he would always be contemning the poor people in their sickness and cursing them daily with grievous execrations; and did not let to tell them that he hoped to help to cast half of them overboard before they came to their journey's end, and to make merry with what they had; and if he were by any gently reprov'd, he would curse and swear most bitterly. But it pleased God before they came half seas over, to smite this young man with a grievous disease, of which he died in a desperate manner, and so was himself the first that was thrown overboard. Thus his curses light on his own head, and it was an astonishment to all his fellows for they noted it to be the just hand of God upon him.

SOURCE: William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, Page 170 (BA)

QUOTE: Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element.

SOURCE: *Of Plymouth Plantation*, William Bradford Pg BA170

QUOTE: For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world. We shall open the mouths of enemies to speak evil of the ways of God, and all professors for God's sake. We shall shame the faces of many of God's worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whither we are going.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Winthrop TITLE : *A Model of Christian Charity*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise
Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction. Pg. 196

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SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Winthrop TITLE : *A Model of Christian Charity*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# pg: 196

QUOTE: Let Greeks be Greeks, and Women what they are.
Men have precedency and still excel;
It is but vain unjustly to wage war.
Men can do best, and Women know it well.
Preeminence in all and each is yours;
Yet grant some small acknowledgement of ours.

SOURCE: *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature* AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet
TITLE : "The Prologue." BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 10th p 215

The New-Englanders are a people of God settled in those which were once the Devil's territories...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 274

QUOTE: Now, by these confessions 'tis agreed that the Devil has made a dreadful knot²¹ of witches in the country, and by the help of witches has dreadfully increased that knot;"

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# 274

QUOTE: Before the trial of this prisoner, several of her own children had frankly and fully confessed not only that they were witches themselves, but that this their mother had made them so.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (P277)

QUOTE: Presently after this, he was taken with a swelling in his foot, and then with a pain in his side, and exceedingly tormented.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *Wonders of the Invisible World* (P227)

QUOTE: The witches have not only intimated, but some of them acknowledge, that they have plotted the representations of innocent persons, to cover and shelter themselves in their witchcrafts; now, although our good God has hitherto generally preserved us from the abuse therein designed by the Devils for us, yet who of us can exactly state how far our God may for our chastisement permit the Devil to proceed in such an abuse?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# 277

QUOTE: If the Holy God should anywhere permit the devils to hook two or three wicked scholars into witchcraft, and then by their assistance to range with their poisonous insinuations among ignorant, envious, discontented people till they have cunningly decoyed them into some sudden act, whereby the toils of hell shall be perhaps inextricably cast over them: what country in the world would not afford witches, numerous to a prodigy?

SOURCE: *The Wonders of the Invisible World*, Cotton Mather, page 276

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SOURCE: *The Wonders of the Invisible World*, Cotton Mather, page 276

QUOTE: Whereupon he several times lost his cattle by strange deaths whereof no natural causes could be given.

SOURCE: Cotton Mather TITLE : *Wonders of the Invisible World* (P278)

Whether by your Means, the most *Brutish* of Creatures upon Earth may not come to be disposed, in some Degree, like the *Angels* of Heaven ; and the *Vassals* of Satan, become the *Children* of God.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Negro Christianized* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 2

QUOTE: "But you are now to attend unto the Commands of your more Absolute Master; and they are His Commands concerning your Negroes too."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Negro Christianized. An Essay to Excite and Assist that Good Work, the Instruction of Negro Servants in Christianity* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P. 3

QUOTE: As if, because a people, from the long force of the African Sun & Soyl upon them, (improved perhaps, to further Degrees by maternal imaginations, and other accidents,) are come at length to have the small Fibres of their Veins, and the Blood in them, a little more Interspersed thro' their Skin than other People, this must render them less valuable to Heaven then the rest of Mankind ? Away with such Trifles ! The God who looks on the Heart, is not moved by the colour of the Skin ; is not more propitious to one Colour than another.

SOURCE: Cotton Mathers, *The Negro Christianized*, Page 10 (PDF) or 15 (Corner)

QUOTE: There is *no want of power* in God to cast wicked men into hell. Not only is there no want of power in God to cast wicked men into hell, they *already deserve it*. Not only is there no want of power in God to cast wicked, deserving men into hell, they are *already under sentence*.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," page 206

QUOTE: Wickedness heavy as lead, earth ready to spew out the sinner, the black clouds of God's wrath, the dammed waters of God's wrath, the bent bow of God's wrath, and the infamous sinner-as-spider held by God over the fire.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, page 210

QUOTE: We find it easy to tread on and crush a worm that we see crawling on the earth; so 'tis easy for us to cut or singe a slender thread that anything hangs by: thus easy is it for God when he pleases to cast his enemies down to hell

SOURCE: *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, Jonathan Edwards, page 287

QUOTE: The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider ... abhors you.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, page 284

QUOTE: Were it not for the sovereign pleasure of God, the earth would not bear you one moment; for you are a burden to it; the creation groans with you; the creature is made subject to

the bondage of your corruption, not willingly; the sun does not willingly shine upon you to give you light to serve sin and Satan; the earth does not willingly yield her increase to satisfy your lusts; nor is it willingly a stage for your wickedness to be acted upon; the air does not willingly serve you for breath to maintain the flame of life in your vitals, while you spend your life in the service of God's enemies. God's creatures are good, and were made for men to serve God with, and do not willingly subserve to any other purpose, and groan when they are abused to purposes so directly contrary to their nature and end. And the world would spew you out, were it not for the sovereign hand of him who hath subjected it in hope.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," Page 290 (BA)

QUOTE: There is the dreadful pit of the glowing flames of the wrath of God; there is hell's wide gaping mouth open; and you have nothing to stand upon, not anything to take hold of; there is nothing between you and hell but the air; 'tis only the power and mere pleasure of God that holds you up."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# pg. 290

QUOTE: The wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose.

SOURCE: AUTHOR Jonathan Edwards "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God": (P291)

QUOTE: "you are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes, than the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" or *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction (epub)*. BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: p.291

QUOTE: That God will execute the fierceness of his anger implies that he will inflict wrath without any pity.

SOURCE: AUTHOR Jonathan Edwards "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" P292)

QUOTE: And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 294

QUOTE: Savages we call them, because their manners differ from ours, which we think the perfection of civility; they think the same of theirs.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, "Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America," Page 305 (BA)

QUOTE: I cannot conceive (may it please your Honours) what the Nature of my Offence is. I have brought Five fine Children into the World, at the Risque of my Life; I have maintain'd them well by my own Industry, without burthening the Township, and would have done it better, if it had not been for the heavy Charges and Fines I have paid. Can it be a Crime (in the Nature of Things I mean) to add to the Number of the King's Subjects, in a new Country that really wants People? I own it, I should think it a Praise-worthy, rather than a punishable Action. 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: Benjamin Franklin "The Speech of Miss Polly Baker"