

ENG 211 (American Literature 1: Spring 2026, Dr. Halbert)  
Final Exam Quotation Guide

QUOTE: It would be thought a hard Government that should tax its People one tenth Part of their Time, to be employed in its Service. But Idleness taxes many of us much more, if we reckon all that is spent in absolute Sloth, or doing of nothing, with that which is spent in idle Employments or Amusements, that amount to nothing.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Benjamin Franklin TITLE : "The Way to Wealth"

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"

QUOTE: We have boasted the protection of Great Britain, without considering, that her motive was interest, not attachment; that she did not protect us from our enemies on our account, but from her enemies on her own account, from those who had no quarrel with us on any other account, and who will always be our enemies on the same account.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine. *Common Sense*. Pg. 396

QUOTE: But there is something very absurd in supposing a continent to be perpetually governed by an island.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Paine TITLE : *Common Sense* Vol A. Pg.399

QUOTE: Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine, "The American Crisis"

QUOTE: Have republics in practice been less addicted to war than monarchies? Are not the former administered by men as well as the latter? Are there not aversions, predilections, rivalships and desires to unjust acquisition that affect nations as well as kings? Are not popular assemblies frequently subject to the impulses of rage, resentment, jealousy, avarice, and of other irregular and violent propensities?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alexander Hamilton TITLE : *Federalist Papers* No.6

QUOTE: "By a faction I understand a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or minority of the whole"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : James Madison TITLE : *The Federalist* #10 The Broadview of anthology of American Literature Vol 1 pg 420

QUOTE: Among the blacks is misery enough, God knows, but no poetry.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Jefferson TITLE : from *Notes on the State of Virginia*  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: from Notes on the State of Virginia. Pg.413

QUOTE:It is not composed, as in Europe, of great Lords who possess everything

SOURCE: AUTHOR : J. Hector St. John De Crevecoeur TITLE : *Letters From an American Farmer*  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):374

QUOTE: urged by a variety of motives, here they came. Every thing has tended to regenerate them; new laws, a new mode of living, a new social system; here they are become men: in Europe they were as so many useless plants, wanting vegetative mould, and refreshing showers; they withered, and were mowed down by want, hunger, and war; but now by the power of transplantation, like all other plants they have taken root and flourished! Formerly they were not numbered in any civil lists of their country, except in those of the poor; here they rank as citizens. By what invisible power has this surprising metamorphosis been performed? By that of the laws and that of their industry. The laws, the indulgent laws, protect them as they arrive, stamping on them the symbol of adoption; they receive ample rewards for their labours; these accumulated rewards procure them lands; those lands confer on them the title of freemen, and to that title every benefit is affixed which men can possibly require. This is the great operation daily performed by our laws.

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SOURCE: J. HECTOR ST. JOHN DE CRÈVECOEUR. *Letters from an American Farmer*, Letter 3 WHAT IS AN AMERICAN? Pg. 375

QUOTE: "it is very little importance how and in what manner an indigent man arrives"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : J. Hector St. John De Crevecoeur TITLE : *Letters From an American Farmer*  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Vol 1 pg 381

QUOTE: They crowded round him, eyeing him from head to foot with great curiosity. The orator bustled up to him, and drawing him partly aside, inquired "On which side he voted?" Rip stared in vacant stupidity. Another short but busy little fellow pulled him by the arm, and, rising on tiptoe, inquired in his ear, "Whether he was Federal or Democrat?"

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Washington Irving TITLE: "Rip Van Winkle"

QUOTE: "Remember, Christians, Negros, black as Cain,/May be refined and join th' angelic train."

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley. "On Being Brought from Africa to America". Pg. 517

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

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Written by Himself  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE): Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Written by Himself. Pg.1078

QUOTE: I was quite a child, but I well remember it. I never shall forget it whilst I remember anything. It was the first of a long series of such outrages, of which I was doomed to be a witness and a participant. It struck me with awful force. It was the blood-stained gate, the entrance to the hell of slavery, through which I was about to pass. It was a most terrible spectacle. I wish I could commit to paper the feelings with which I beheld it.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Pg. 1079

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: AUTHOR : Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, The Broadview Anthology of American Literature/ Vol 1/ page 1080*

QUOTE: To be accused was to be convicted, and to be convicted was to be punished; the one always following the other with immutable certainty.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. Pg.1085

QUOTE: If a slave ran away and succeeded in getting clear, or if a slave killed his master, set fire to a barn, or did anything very wrong in the mind of a slaveholder, it was spoken of as the fruit of abolition.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Written by Himself* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Written by Himself. Pg.1092*)

QUOTE: I told him as well as I could, for I scarce had strength to speak

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:1100)

QUOTE: I continued to think, and to think about the injustice of my enslavement and the means of escape

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of The Life of Frederick Douglass , an American Slave* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:1113)

QUOTE: I have as much muscle as any man, and can do as much work as any man

QUOTE: "I have said this mode of treatment is a part of the whole system of fraud and inhumanity of slavery. It is so. The mode here adopted to disgust the slaves with freedom, by allowing him to see only the abuse of it, is carried out in other things."

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

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: "they seldom think that men will be allured by intellectual acquirements, because they find, that where any mental superiority exists, a woman is generally shunned and regarded as stepping out of her "appropriate sphere," which, in their view is to dress, to dance, to set out the best possible advantage her person, to read the novels which inundate the press, and which do more to destroy her characters a rational creature, than anything else."

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke- Letter on Equality of the Sexes and the Condition of Women"

QUOTE: "Let no one think from these marks, that I regard a knowledge of housewifery as beneath the acquisition of women "

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sarah Moore Grime TITLE : *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and the Condition of Women*  
*The Broadview Anthology of American Literature* Vol 1 pg 704

QUOTE: "if god had desired the equality of women, he would have given some token of his will through the birth, life, and death of saviour."

SOURCE: Sojourner Truth- "Speech at the Akron, Ohio Women's Rights Convention"

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 life."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Elizabeth Cady Stanton TITLE : Declaration of Sentiments

QUOTE: I don't feel patriotic.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. *Independence*.

QUOTE: The inhabitants rush en masse-"wife! Will you leave off scribbling?"(Don't be disagreeable, Smith, I'm just getting inspired,) to the public square where De Begnis, who had been secretly-"Butcher wants to see you, ma'am"-secretly informed of the traitors'-"Forgot which you said, ma'am, sausages or mutton chop"-movements, gave orders to fire; not less than twenty-My gracious! Smith, you have n't been reversing that child all this time; he's as black as your coat; and that boy of yours has torn up the first sheet of my manuscript. There! It's no use for a married woman to cultivate her intellect-smith, hand me those twins.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Fanny Fern TITLE : Mrs. Adolphus Smith Sporting the "Blue Stocking"

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".

QUOTE: But our love was stronger by far than the love of those who were older than we of many far wiser than we

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Edgar Allan Poe TITLE : "Annabel Lee"  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE):841

QUOTE: "And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side/ Of my darling-my darling- my lifeand my bride,/ In her sepulchre there by the sea- /In her tomb by the surrounding sea."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Edgar Allan Poe TITLE : "Annabel Lee" *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature*/ Vol 1/ page 841

QUOTE: " the greater part of the fearful night had worn away, and she who had been dead, once again stirred- and now more vigorously than hitherto, although arousing from a dissolution more appalling in its utter hopelessness than any."

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

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."

QUOTE: "I become a transparent eyeball. I am nothing. I see all."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Emerson TITLE : from *Nature The Broadview Anthology of American Literature/ Vol 1/ page 711*

QUOTE: "Thrust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Emerson TITLE : "Self-Reliance" *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature/ Vol 1/ page 714*

QUOTE: "I read the other day some verses written by an eminent painter"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : "Self-Reliance" *The Broadview of anthology of Americam Literature Vol 1 pg 714*

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

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : "Self-Reliance"  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:716

QUOTE: " There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to ho, not through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till."

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson- "Self-Reliance"

QUOTE:Law never made men a whit more just

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government"  
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:1000

QUOTE: "paley a common authority with many on moral questions in his chapter on the Duty of Submission to Civil Government."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government"  
*The Broadview of Anthology of American Literature Vol 1 pg: 1001*

QUOTE: "The progress from an absolute to a limited monarchy, from a limited monarchy to a democracy, is a progress toward a true respect for the individual. Is a democracy, such as we know it, the last improvement possible in government?"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government" *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature/ Vol 1/ page 1010*

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 TITLE: Resistance to Civil Government

QUOTE: "it was now deep dusk in the forest, and deepest in that part of it where these two were journeying."

SOURCE: Nathaniel Hawthorne- "Young Goodman Brown"

QUOTE: "Ah, your worship knows the receipt," cried the old lady, cackling aloud. "So, as I was saying, being all ready for the meeting, and no horse to ride on, I made up my mind to foot it; for they tell me, there is a nice young man to be taken into communion tonight. But now your good worship will lend me your arm, and we shall be there in a twinkling."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Hawthorne TITLE : "Young Goodman Brown" *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature*/ Vol 1/ page 758

QUOTE: "I have been as well acquainted with your family as with ever a one among the Puritans; and that's no trifle to say. I helped your grandfather, the constable, when he lashed the Quaker woman so smartly through the streets of Salem. And it was I that brought your father a pitch-pine knot, kindled at my own hearth, to set fire to an Indian village, in King Philip's War. They were my good friends, both; and many a pleasant walk have we had along this path, and returned merrily after midnight. I would fain be friends with you, for their sake."

SOURCE: Nathaniel Hawthorne. "Young Goodman Brown". Pg. 759

QUOTE: "There," resumed the sable form, "are all whom ye have revered from youth. Ye deemed them holier than yourselves, and shrank from your own sin, contrasting it with their lives of righteousness and prayerful aspirations heavenward. Yet here are they all in my worshipping assembly. This night it shall be granted you to know their secret deeds: how hoary-bearded elders of the church have whispered wanton words to the young maids of their households; how many a woman, eager for widows' weeds, has given her husband a drink at bedtime and let him sleep his last sleep in her bosom; how beardless youths have made haste to inherit their fathers' wealth; and how fair damsels—blush not, sweet ones—have dug little graves in the garden, and bidden me, the sole guest to an infant's funeral. By the sympathy of your human hearts for sin ye shall scent out all the places—whether in church, bedchamber, street, field, or forest—where crime has been committed, and shall exult to behold the whole earth one stain of guilt, one mighty blood spot.

SOURCE: Nathaniel Hawthorne "Young Goodman Brown"

QUOTE: "It was remarkable that of all the busybodies and impertinent people in the parish, not one ventured to put the plain question to Mr. Hooper, wherefore he did this thing"

SOURCE: AUTHOR :Nathaniel Hawthorne "The Minister's Black Veil " *The Broadview of anthology of Americam Literature* Vol 1 pg 768

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:

The man's body is sacred and the woman's body is sacred,  
No matter who it is, it is sacred—is it the meanest one in the laborers' gang?  
Is it one of the dull-faced immigrants just landed on the wharf?  
Each belongs here or anywhere just as much as the well-off, just as much as you,  
Each has his or her place in the procession.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "I Sing the Body Electric"

QUOTE:

Fierce-throated beauty!  
Roll through my chant with all thy lawless music, thy swinging lamps at night,  
Thy madly-whistled laughter, echoing, rumbling like an earthquake, rousing all,  
Law of thyself complete, thine own track firmly holding,  
(No sweetness debonair of tearful harp or glib piano thine,)  
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"

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