

AMERICAN LITERATURE I: SUMMER 2014
Final Exam Quotation List

QUOTE: 'Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan 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", Vol. A p.1357

QUOTE: A Man being sometimes more generous when he has but a little Money than when he has plenty, perhaps thro; Fear of being thought to have but little

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin *from* The Autobiography 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: Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which they treat us only as the vassals of your Sex

SOURCE: Letter from Abigail Adams to Johns, March 31, 1776 Adams 1069

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: So profoundly ignorant of the nature of slavery are many persons, that they are stubbornly incredulous whenever they read or listen to any recital of the cruelties which are daily inflicted on it victims.

SOURCE: Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass Page 2167

QUOTE: “If you give a nigger an inch, he will take an ell. A nigger should know nothing but to obey his master—to do as he is told to do. Learning would *spoil* the best nigger in the world. Now,” said he, “if you teach that nigger (speaking of myself) how to read, there would be no keeping him. It would forever unfit him to be a slave. He would at once become unmanageable, and of no value to his master. As to himself, it could do him no good, but a great deal of harm. It would make him discontented and unhappy.”

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, P2187

QUOTE: ...in teaching me the alphabet, [she] had given me the *inch*, and no precaution could prevent me from taking the *ell*.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass; an American Slave*, Vol. B., Pg. 2189

QUOTE: In moments of agony, I envied my fellow slaves for their stupidity.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, P2191

QUOTE: ...whenever my condition was improved, instead of its increasing my contentment, it only increased my desire to be free, and set me to thinking of plans to gain my freedom.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass; an American Slave*, Vol. B., Pg. 2220

QUOTE: If any one wishes to be impressed with the soul-killing effects of slavery, et him go to Colonel Lloyd’s plantation, and, on allowance-day place himself in the deep pine woods, and there let his soul,— and if he is not thus impressed, it will be only be because “there is no flesh in his obdurate heart”.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* P2178

QUOTE: The right of petition is the only political right that women have: why not let them exercise it whenever they are aggrieved?

SOURCE: Angelina Grimke. *Letters to Catherine Beecher*. P2451

QUOTE: This mode of training necessarily exalts, in their view, the animal above the intellectual and spiritual nature, and teaches women to regard themselves as a kind of machinery, necessary to keep the domestic engine in order, but of little value as the *intelligent* companions of men.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke. Letter VIII. The Condition of Women in the United States. Vol B. Pg. 2445

QUOTE: I deeply regret such a state of things, because I believe that if women felt their responsibility, for the support of themselves, or their families it would add strength and dignity to their characters, and teach them more true sympathy for their husbands, than is now generally manifested, - a sympathy which would be exhibited by actions as well as words. Our brethren may reject my doctrine, because it ruins counter to common opinions, and because it wounds their pride; but I believe they would be “partakers of the benefit” resulting from the Equality of the Sexes, and would find that woman, as their equal, was unspeakably more valuable than woman as their inferior, both as a moral and an intellectual being.

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimké, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman*, (P2447-2448)

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,” P2477

QUOTE: Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they were accustomed.

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

QUOTE: Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half the people of this country, their social and religious degradation—in view of the unjust laws above mentioned, and because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Declaration of Sentiments,” P2479

QUOTE: He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns.

SOURCE: Declaration of Sentiments Elizabeth Stanton 2478

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: Elizabeth Caddy Stanton, *Declaration of Sentiments*, (P2479)

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, didn't some orator tell me.

SOURCE: Fanny Fern. Independence. Vol B. Pg.2471

QUOTE: Shouldn't I like to make a bon-fire of all of all the "Hints to Young Wives," "Married Woman's Friend," etc., and throw in the authors with them?

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, *Hints to Young Wives*, Vol. B., Pg. 2464

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 possessions of every inch of your heart, no neutral territory—he will turn on his heel and march off whistling "Yankee Doodle!"

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, "Hints to Young Wives", Vol.B p. 2464

QUOTE: In the wilderness, I find something more dear and connate than in streets or villages. In the tranquil landscape, and especially in the distant line of the horizon, man beholds somewhat as beautiful as his own nature.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Nature," P1828

QUOTE: To the attentive eye, each moment of the year has its own beauty, and in the same field, it beholds, every hour, a picture which was never seen before, and which shall never be seen again.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Nature*. P1830

QUOTE: Travelling is a fool's paradise. Our first journeys discover to us the indifference of places. At home I dream that at Naples, at Rome, I can be intoxicated with beauty, and lose my sadness. I pack my trunk, embrace my friends, embark on the sea, and at last wake up in Naples, and there beside me is the stern Fact, the sad self, unrelenting, identical, that I fled from.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance*, Vol. B p. 1883

QUOTE: The civilized man has built a coach, but has lost the use of his feet. He is supported on crutches, but lacks so much support of muscle. He has a fine Geneva watch, but he fails of the skill to tell the hour by the sun...

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. Self-Reliance. Vol B.

QUOTE: There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel or nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson *from* Self Reliance P1869

QUOTE: Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present 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: Ralph Waldo Emerson *from* Self Reliance P1884

QUOTE: Do not believe it. Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principals.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson *from* Self Reliance P1887

QUOTE: I heartily accept the motto, - "That government is best which governs least;" and I should like to see it acted up to more rapidly and systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which also I believe, - "That government is best which governs not at all;" and when men are prepared for it, that will be the government which they will have.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government", Vol. B p. 1979

QUOTE: A common and natural result of an undue respect for law is, that you may see a file of soldiers, colonel, captain, corporal, privates, powder-monkeys and all, marching in admirable order over hill and dale to the wars, against their wills, aye, against their common sense and consciences

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. Resistance to Civil Government. Vol B. Pg.1981

QUOTE: ...and, if one were to judge these men wholly by the effects of their actions, and not partly by their intentions, they would deserve to be classed and punished with those mischievous persons who put obstructions on the railroads.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, *Resistance to Civil Government*, (P1980)

QUOTE: How does it become a man to behave toward this American government today? I answer that he cannot without disgrace be associated with it. I cannot for an instant recognize that political organization as *my* government which is the *slave's* government also.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government," P1982

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

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, *Resistance to Civil Government*, Vol. B., Pg. 1985

QUOTE: I know this well that if one thousand, if one hundred, if ten men who I could name- if ten honest men only- aye if one HONEST man in this State of Massachusetts *ceasing to hold slaves*, were actually to withdraw from this copartnership, and be locked up in the county jail therefor, it would be the abolition of slavery in America

SOURCE: *Resistance to Civil Government* Henry Thoreau 1987

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: Then I brought my knuckles together like two thunderclouds, but the sparks froze up afore I could begin to collect' em so out I walked whistlin' "Fire in the mountains" as I went along in three double quick time

SOURCE: **The Crockett Almanacs** Davy Crockett 2488

QUOTE: I always had the praise o' raisin the tallest and fattest, and sassiest gals in all America.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett. *Crockett's Daughters*. Vol B. Pg.2490

QUOTE: Come on, you flatters, you bargers, you milk-white mechanics, an' see how tough I am to chew!

SOURCE: Mike Fink, "Mike Fink's Brag", Vol. B p. 2492

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

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. *The Raven*. P2767

QUOTE: And this I did for seven long nights – every night just at midnight –but I found the eye always closed; and so it was impossible to do the work; for it was not the old man who vexed me, but his Evil Eye.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Tell-Tale Heart", Vol. B p. 2728

QUOTE: He was still sitting up in the bed listening;-just as I have done, night after night
hearkening to the death watches in the wall

SOURCE: The Tell-Tale Heart Edgar Allen Poe 2728

QUOTE: With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.

SOURCE: Edgar Alan Poe, "Annabel Lee,"

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: " What is it fateful woman, so blear hardly human?
Why wag your head with turban both yellow, red, and green?
Are the things so strange and marvelous you see or have seen?"

SOURCE: "Ethiopia Saluting the Colors" pg.3012 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: And the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night,
I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd", Vol. B, p. 3312

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