

English 301 –American Literature to 1865
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virtual class: FUS Academic WEB (Every student must be connected to the FUS web for
weekly receptions of class materials.)

Readings

August--26-28—Colonial American lit; Jefferson, Notes on Va., 29-128

Sept 3-5— **Jefferson, Notes on Va., 133-150; 153-215**

Sept 9-11—Jefferson, Letters, 347-399

Sept. 16-17— Jefferson, Letters, 454-496; Declaration of Independence, 235-242;
Kentucky Resolutions, 281-290.

Test/ Exer on Thurs: Jefferson’s writings

Sept. 30—Oct 2—Nathaniel Hawthorne

Endicott and the Red Cross (1838)	217
Mrs. Hutchinson (1830)	14
My Kinsman, Major Molineux (1832)	29
The Gray Champion (1835)	124
Young Goodman Brown (1835)	133

Oct. 7-9—Nathaniel Hawthorne

The May-Pole of Merry Mount (1836)	172
The Minister's Black Veil (1836)	185
Earth's Holocaust (1844)	336

Test /exercise on Thursday, **Nathaniel Hawthorne’s fiction**

Oct. 14-16—Booker T. Washington

**Up from slavery an
autobiography, 37-194**

H. D. Thoreau; chps 1 “Economy”, read thru chp “Visitors”
(Mid-term assessments due Oct. 15 based primarily on 2 tests)

Oct. 21-23—cont. discussion Thoreau chps 1 “Economy start read thru chp “Visitors”;
read, “Higher Laws chapter & Conclusion ; read “Civil Disobedience” essay; *paragraph
exercise due Friday by noon, at Egan, 273*; (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe
stories, Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Oct. 28— Higginson, Life in a Black Regiment, “Emily Dickinson’s Letters”, 302-326; Nat Turner’s Insurrection; (review Booker Washington first 3 chapters, Up From Slavery, on Masters and Civil War and Jefferson’s query on “Manners” Notes/ Va); ; (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories, Simms; Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Nov 4-6-- Higginson, Life/ Black Regiment; 1-47; 149-174 (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories; Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Nov. 11-13-- Higginson, Life/ Black Regiment, 174-204; assignment due this week (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories, Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Nov. 18-20-- Letters /John and Abigail Adams, 1-59 (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories; Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Nov. 25-- Letters /John and Abigail Adams, 131-236; test or exercise due this week (Outside: Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories; Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17,20)

Early December—last class, W. G. Simms and Mel Gibson’s “the Patriot” ; Poe-Simms connection, 2 Poe stories; Simms, Life of Francis Marion, Chp 1, 9,11,17, 20.