English 342: American Literature to 1860

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Overview

In this course we'll look at some of the most interesting texts in American literary history from very early colonial writings through to the American romantic period.

Texts

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Shorter Seventh Edition
Volume 1 (Beginnings to 1865)
Walden, Civil Disobedience, and Other Writings

Reading Schedule

Each week we'll focus on a different set of readings, moving chronologically through the material.

September 11 - Introduction to course
September 18 - Explorers and Originals
September 25 - The Early Colonists
October 2 - The Revolution
October 9 - Poe and Hawthorne
October 16 - Emerson and Fuller
October 23 - Slavery
October 30 - Thoreau
November 6 - Thoreau
November 13 - no class
November 20 - Melville
November 27 - Whitman and Dickinson

Academic Integrity: in order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm

Avoiding Academic Offences: http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/arts/ugrad/academic_responsibility.html
Assignments

Mid-term test: 20%

Term Paper: 40%

Presentation: 30%

Participation: 10%