

Summer 2019

AP/EN 2230 6.0A (SU) *An Introduction to American Literature*

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Delivery Format: Seminar

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-7:00pm

Description: This course introduces students to American literature from its beginnings to the present day. We shall begin in the 16th century with Alvar Cabeza de Vaca's "*The Relation of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca*" and we shall conclude in the 21st century with Toni Morrison's God Help the Child. Our texts include non-fiction, fiction, poetry and drama. Aside from the generic and rhetorical material, we shall engage with psychoanalytical, feminist, and reader-response/reception theory in relation to the texts. As well, the course introduces students to the skills for conducting research and writing critically.

Category: C

Historical Requirement: Period II (1700-1900)

Requirements:

Essay #1 (3-4 pages)	10%
Essay #2 (6-8 pages)	15%
Mid-term Test	20%
Research Essay #3 (8-10 pages)	20%
Final Test	20%
Participation	15%

Reading List: Levine, Robert S., ed. The Norton Anthology of American Literature- Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 (shorter 9th edition).
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter (any edition).
Morrison, Toni. God Help the Child. Vintage Canada editions, 2016.

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