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Course Number: ENG360H5F

Course Title: Early American Literature

Course Description: This course explores writing in a variety of genres – including letters, journals, essays, autobiographies, and sermons – produced in the American colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, along with a selection of Native American creation myths and trickster tales. Authors covered will include Anne Bradstreet, Mary Rowlandson, Cotton Mather, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.

Required Reading:

* Selections from *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*, 7th Edition, Volume A

First Authors to be Studied: “Stories of the Beginning of the World”; Columbus, “Letters”; Smith, “The General History of Virginia”

Method of Instruction: Lecture/Discussion

Method of Evaluation Mid-term exam, Final essay, Final exam, Participation, Vocabulary test