19th-Century American Literature

*Required Reading

*Apeess, William. *A Son of the Forest*

*Bellamy, Edward. *Looking Backward*

*Brown, William Wells. *Clotel*


*Cable, George Washington. *The Grandissimes*

*Child, Lydia Maria. *Hobomok, An Appeal in Favor of that Class of Americans Called Africans*

*Clemens, Samuel [Mark Twain]. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

*Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Pioneers or The Last of the Mohicans or Satanstoe*

*Davis, Rebecca Harding. "Life in the Iron Mills"

*DeForest, William. *Miss Ravenal’s Conversion from Secession to Loyalty*

*Dickinson, Emily. selected poems

*Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, “The Heroic Slave,” “What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?”


*Wilkins, Mary. *A New England Nun and Other Stories*

*Fuller, Margaret. *Summer on the Lakes, Woman in the Nineteenth Century*

*Howells, William Dean. *The Rise of Silas Lapham or A Modern Instance*


*Jacobs, Harriet. *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

*James, Henry. *The American, The Portrait of a Lady*

*Jewett, Sarah Orne. *The Country of the Pointed Firs*

*Lowell, James Russell. “Ode Recited at the Harvard Commemoration,” A Fable for Critics, selections from *The Biglow Papers*

*Melville, Herman. Moby-Dick*, “Bartleby, the Scrivener,” “Benito Cereno,” “Billy Budd,” “The Paradise of Bachelors and The Tartarus of Maids,” “Battle-Pieces”


*Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

*Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden*, ”Walk to Wachusett,” ”Resistance to Civil Government [Civil Disobedience],” ”A Plea for Captain John Brown,” ”Slavery in Massachusetts,” selected poems

*Walker, David. *David Walker’s Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World*


*Whitman, Walt *Leaves of Grass* (1855), ”Crossing Brooklyn Ferry,” ”Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking,” *Drum-Taps*, ”When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d,” ”Passage to India,” ”Pioneers,” *Democratic Vistas*

**For Further Reading**

**Prose**

Abrahams, Roger ed., *Afro-American Folktales*
Alcott, Louisa May. *Hospital Sketches, Moods, Work, Little Women*

Alger, Horatio. *Luck and Pluck, Ragged Dick*


Bontemps, Arna and Hughes, Langston eds., *Book of American Negro Folklore*

Brownson, Orestes. *New Views of Christianity, Society, and the Church, Charles Elwood, or The Infidel, The Convert, or Leaves From My Experiences, Reviews in Miller, The Transcendentalist*


Chesnut, Mary Boykin *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*


Clemens, Samuel [Mark Twain]. *The Innocents Abroad, Life on the Mississippi, A connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*


Craft, William and Ellen. *Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom*

Dana, Richard Henry Jr. *Two Years before the Mast*

Davis, Rebecca Harding. *Margaret Howth, Waiting for the Verdict, John Andross*

Delany, Martin. *Blake; Or the Huts of America; The Condition, Elevation, Emigration, and Destiny of the Colored People of the United States*

Douglass, Frederick. *My Bondage and My Freedom*, sel. speeches and journalism

Eggleston, Edward. *The Hoosier Schoolmaster*

Everett, Edward. "On Models in Literature," "Phi Beta Kappa Oration"

Fiske, John. *The Destiny of Man, Darwinism and Other Essays*

Fitzhugh, George. *Cannibals All*
Foote, Julia A. J. *A Brand Plucked From the Fire*

Garnet, Henry Highland. "An Address to the Slaves of the United States of America"

Garrison, William Lloyd. *Thoughts on African Colonization*, sel. from *The Liberator*

George, Henry. *Progress and Poverty*

Gray, Thomas. "Confessions of Nat Turner"

Grimke, Sarah Moore. *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Women*


Harper, Frances E. W. “The Two Offers,” sel. poetry

Harris, Joel Chandler. *Uncle Remus: His Songs and Sayings*

Harte, Bret. *The Luck of Roaring Camp and Other Stories*

Hentz, Caroline Lee. *The Planter’s Northern Wife*

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth. *Army Life in a Black Regiment*, “Letter to a Young Contributor”

Hildreth, Richard. *Archy Moore*

Holmes, Oliver Wendell. *Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*, *Elsie Venner*, *The Guardian Angel*, *Medical Essays*, *A Mortal Antipathy*, *The Poet at the Breakfast Table*, *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Howells, William Dean. *A Hazard of New Fortunes, Criticism and Fiction*


Jackson, Helen Hunt. *Ramona*


James, William. "The Dilemma of Determinism," "The Will to Believe," *Varieties of Religious Experience*, *Pragmatism*

Johnson, James Weldon. *Books of American Negro Spirituals*
Keckley, Elizabeth. *Behind the Scenes*

Kemble, Frances. *Journal of a Residence on a Georgia Plantation, 1838-1839*

Kennedy, John Pendleton *Swallow Barn*


Northup, Solomon. *Twelve Years a Slave*


Parkman, Francis. *The Oregon Trail*

Parton, Sara Willis [Fanny Fern]. *Ruth Hall, Fern Leaves from Fanny's Portfolio*


Phillips, Wendell. *Speeches, Lectures, and Letters*

Poe, Edgar Allan. *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym*

Ridge, John Rollin [Yellow Bird]. *Life and Adventures of Joaquin Murieta*

Ripley, George. sel. reviews, in Miller, *The Transcendentalists*, "The Latest Form of Infidelity Examined," "Letter to the Church in Purchase Street," *Discourses on the Philosophy of Religion*, "Jesus Christ the Same . . . ,"


Seguin, Juan. *Personal Memoirs*

Simms, William Gilmor. *The Yemassee*


Spofford, Harriet Prescott. *The Amber Gods and Other Stories*
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. "Address to the N.Y. State Legislature," The Woman's Bible, Eighty Years and More

Stowe, Harriet Beecher. The Minister's Wooing

Tecumseh. "We All Belong to One Family"

Tougee, Albion. A Fool's Errand, Bricks without Straw

Veblen, Thorstein. Theory of the Leisure Class

Warner, Susan. The Wide, Wide World

Weld, Angelina Grimke Weld, Appeal to the Christian Women of the South, Letters to Catharine Beecher

Weld, Theodore. American Slavery as it Is

Wilson, Harriet. Our Nig; or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black

Winnemucca, Sarah (Thocmetony). Life Among the Piutes

Woolson, Constance Fenimore. Selected Shorter Writings (Rutgers)

Poetry

Barlow, Joel. The Columbiad

Howe, Julia Ward. "My Last Dance," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"


Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Evangeline, Poems on Slavery, sel. poems


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