Sam Sommers
Part I Exam Reading List—FINAL? DRAFT
Early American Literature

1) Christopher Columbus (in the words of Bartolome de Las Casas) *Journal of the First Voyage to America* 1492–1493

2) Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca, *Relation of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* (1537; 1542)


4) John Winthrop, “A Modell of Christian Charity” (1630)


6) John Cotton *Mr. Cotton’s Rejoynder* (1636)

7) Thomas Morton, *New English Canaan* (1637)

8) Roger Williams, excerpts from *A Key into the Language of America* (1644)

9) Thomas Shepard, *The Autobiography of Thomas Shepard* (1649); Chapter 1, Section 5 “The fourth and last Act of Christ’s Power is the Work of Faith” from *The Sound Believer* (1645)


13) Thomas Shepard, Jr. “Eye-Salve” (1673)

14) Samuel Danforth, “A Brief Recognition of New England’s Errand into the Wilderness” (1670)

15) Mary Rowlandson, *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* (1682)


17) Cotton Mather, Selections from *The Wonders of the Invisible World* (1693) and *Magnalia Christi Americana*: Part I “Antiquities”; Part II “Governors” (Bradford, Winthrop, Phips,); Part III
“Ministers” (Intro, Johannes in Eremo, Norton, Davenport, Appendix–Hooker); Part IV “Harvard” (Jonathan Mitchell); Part V “Synods” (Parts 1–3), Part VII “Wars of the Lord” (1702)


19) Sarah Kemble Knight, *The Journal of Madam Knight* (1704–1705; 1825)


21) Elizabeth Ashbridge, *Some Account of the Early Part of the Life* (1755)

22) Thomas Hutchinson, *History of Massachusetts Bay* selections from Vol. I (1764; 1767)


25) Samson Occom, *A Short Narrative of My Live* (1768) and *A Sermon Preached by Samson Occom* (1772)

26) John Woolman, Selections from *The Journal of John Woolman* (1774) and “Some Consideration on the Keeping of Negroes” (1754)


28) Samuel West, “A Sermon Preached....May 29, 1776” (1776)

29) Thomas Paine, “Common Sense” (1776); *Age of Reason Part I* (1794)

30) Thomas Jefferson, *Declaration of Independence* (1776); *Notes on the State of Virginia* (1780–1781; 1787)


33) William Hill Brown *The Power of Sympathy* (1789)

34) Royall Tyler, *The Contrast* (1787)

35) Hugh Henry Brackenridge *Modern Chivalry* Parts I&II (1792)

Critical Works
1) Perry Miller, *The New England Mind: From Colony to Province* (1953)