Early American Reading List

1542 Cabeza de Vaca. Relation of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca

1856 (1630s-50s) Bradford, William. Of Plymouth Plantation

Cotton, John. Mister Cotton’s Rejoynder

1637 Morton, Thomas. The New English Canaan (selections)
Hutchinson, Anne. "The Examination of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson at the Court at Newtown."

1832 (1649, 1645) Shepard, Thomas. Autobiography, "The Parable of the 10 Virgins" (selections), The Sound Believer (selections)

1650 Bradstreet, Anne. Selections from The Tenth Muse and The Works of Anne Bradstreet
 "The Prologue"
 "Contemplations"
 "The Flesh and the Spirit"
 "The Author to her Book"
 "Before the Birth of One of Her Children"
 "A Letter to Her Husband Absent upon Public Employment"
 "In Reference to her Children"
 "In Memory of Anne Bradstreet"
 "To My Dear Children"
 "My Dear Children"
 "In Memory of her Grandchild Elizabeth Bradstreet"
 " " Anne Bradstreet"
 " Simon Bradstreet"
 "Upon the Burning of Our House"
 "As Weary Pilgrim"

1656 Hooker, Thomas. The Application of Redemption (selections from Perry Miller)

1667 Mitchel, Jonathan. “Nehemiah on the Wall in Troublesome Times”


1670 Danforth, Samuel. "New-England's Errand into the Wilderness"

1673 Shepard, Jr., Thomas. "Eye-Salve"

1673 Sewall, Samuel (1652-1730). from the Diary (1673-1728): selection from Miller, The American Puritans
1682 Rowlandson, Mary White. *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God*

1682-1725 Taylor, Edward From *Preparatory Meditations*: Prologue, Series I.1-I.8, Series II.1, II.26, II.43,II.50, II.60B, II.115, *Gods Determinations touching his Elect*

1689, 1693, 1702 Mather, Cotton. *Memorable Providences Relating to Witchcraft and Possessions, Wonders of the Invisible World, Magnalia Christi Americana*
   Part II (Governors), Part V (Synods- first three parts), Part VI Magistrates (chapter 7, Thaumatographica Pneumatica, Salem) (Part VII (Wars of the Lord), Dustan, “A Most Notable Exploit”


   Prefatorial materials from the first edition
   "To Maecenas"
   "On Virtue"
   "To the University of Cambridge, in New-England"
   "On Being Brought from Africa to America"
   "On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield. 1770."
   "Thoughts on the Works of Providence"
   "On Recollection"
   "On Imagination"
   "To the Right Honourbale William, Earl of Dartmouth"
   "To S.M. a Young African Painter, on Seeing His Works"
   "America"
   "To the King’s Most Excellent Majesty"
   "To His Excellency George Washington"
   "Liberty and Peace"

1774 Woolman, John. *Journal*


1782 St. John Crevecoeur. *Letters from an American Farmer*


1786 Freneau, Philip, *Poems*
"The Power of Fancy"
"A Political Litany" (HA)
"To Sir Toby" (HA)
"The Hurricane"
"The Wild Honey Suckle"
"To an Author"
"On the Universality and Other Attributes of the God of Nature"
"On Observing a Large Red-streak Apple" (HA)
"The Indian Burying Ground"
"The Indian Student"
"On the Causes of Political Degeneracy" (HA)
"On Mr. Paine's Rights of Man"
"The Rising Glory of America" (with Brackenridge)
"The Deserted Farmhouse"
"To a Caty-Did"
"The House of Night"
"The Vanity of Existence"

1787 Tyler, Royal. The Contrast.

1788 Dwight, Timothy. Triumph of Infidelity

1788 (finished) Franklin, Benjamin. Autobiography

1797 Foster, Hannah. The Coquette

1798 Brown, Charles Brockden. Wieland

1760, 1772, 1760, 1792, 1789 Contested Boundaries, National Visions: Writings on “Race,” Identity, and “Nation” from Heath Anthology: Jupiter Hammon, Samson Occom, Briton Hammon, Prince Hall, Olaudah Equiano

Critical Texts:
Bercovitch, Sacvan. The Puritan Origins of the American Self
Colacurcio, Michael. Godly Letters
Carruth, Mary C. (Ed.) Feminist Interventions in Early American Studies
Davidson, Cathy. Revolution and the Word
Fliegelman, Jay. Prodigals and Pilgrims
Miller, Perry. The New England Mind: From Colony to Province
Morgan, Edmund S. Visible Saints
Porterfield, Amanda. Female Piety in Puritan New England
Samuels, Shirley. Romances of the Republic
Slotkin, Richard. Regeneration Through Violence