

EARLY AMERICAN READING LIST

- Aupamut, Hendrick (1757-1830)** "A Short Narration of My Last Journey to the Western Country" (1827)
- Adams, John and Abigail Adams (1735-1826, 1744-1818).** Selections from *The Letters of Abigail and John*
- Ashbridge, Elizabeth (1713-1755).** *Some Account of the Early Part of the Life* (1807)
- Barlow, Joel (1754-1812).** "The Hasty Pudding" (1793), "Advice to a Raven in Russia" (1812)
- Bleeker, Ann Eliza (1752-1783).** *The History of Maria Kittle* (1793)
- Brackenridge, Hugh Henry (1748-1816).** *Modern Chivalry*
- Bradford, William.** *Of Plymouth Plantation* (1630-1650)
- Bradstreet, Anne (1612-1672).** *The Tenth Muse* (1650) and *The Works of Anne Bradstreet* (ed. Jeannine Hensley, 1967).
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Introductory verses by Nathaniel Ward, John Rogers, and John Woodbridge
"The Prologue," "In Honour of Du Bartas," "In Honour of Queen Elizabeth,"
"Contemplations," "The Flesh and the Spirit," "The Author to her Book,"
"Before the Birth of One of Her Children," "To My Dear and Loving Husband," "A Letter to Her Husband Absent upon Public Employment," "In Reference to her Children," "In Memory of her grandchild Anne Bradstreet," "In Memory of her grandchild Elizabeth Bradstreet," "On my dear Grand-child Simon Bradstreet," "To My Dear Children," "My Dear Children," "Upon the Burning of Our House," "As Weary Pilgrim"
- Brown, Charles Brockden (1771-1810).** *Wieland* (1798)
- Cabeza de Vaca, Álvar Núñez (1490 – c.1557)** *Relation of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca* (1536-1540)
- Cotton, John (1584-1652).** *Mr. Cotton's Rejoynder* (in Hall, ed. *The Antinomian Crisis*)
- Danforth, Samuel (1626-1674)** "New-England's Errand into the Wilderness" (1670)
- Edwards, Jonathan (1703-1758).** "God Glorified in Man's Dependence" (1731), "Divine and Supernatural Light" (1734), *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Conversions* (1737), "Personal Narrative" (c. 1739), "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (1741), *The Nature of True Virtue* (1754)
- Equiano, Olaudah (1745-1797)** *Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* (1789)
- Foster, Hannah (1758-1840)** *The Coquette* (1797)
- Franklin, Benjamin (1706-1790)** *Autobiography* (1791)
- Freneau, Philip (1752-1832).**
"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"

Hall, Prince (1735-1807) "The Petition of a great number of Negroes" (1788), "A Charge, Delivered to the African Lodge" (1797)

Hammon, Briton *Narrative of the Uncommon Sufferings and Surprizing Deliverance of Briton Hammon* (1760)

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Part V: Synods (first three parts)

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