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Part One Exam List I (Colacurcio)

**Early American Reading List**

A. Primary Texts (in three subsections, each ordered by birth year of author)

PRIMARILY PURITAN

Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca 1490-1558	◇ <i>Relation of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca</i> (c. 1536-1540; 1542)
Thomas Morton 1576-1647	◇ Book 2 (“The Natural Endowments of the Country”) & Book 3 (“What People are Planted There”) from <i>The New English Canaan</i> (1637)
John Cotton 1585-1642	◇ “God’s Promise to His Plantation” (1630) ◇ <i>Mr. Cottons Rejoynder</i> (1636)
Thomas Hooker 1586-1647	◇ <i>The Soul’s Implantation</i> (1637) ◇ [A True Sight of Sin] from <i>The Application of Redemption</i> (1657)
John Winthrop 1587-1649	◇ “A Model of Christian Charity” (1630; 1838) ◇ <i>The Journal of John Winthrop 1630-1649: Abridged Edition</i> (1996)
William Bradford 1590-1657	◇ <i>Of Plymouth Plantation</i> (1620-1647)
Roger Williams 1603-1683	◇ <i>A Key into the Language of America</i> (1643) EXCERPT ◇ <i>The Bloody Tenet of Persecution, for Cause of Conscience, Described</i> (1644) EXCERPT
Thomas Shepard 1605-1649	◇ Chapter 1, Section 5 (“The fourth and last Act of Christ’s Power is the Work of Faith”) from <i>The Sound Believer</i> (1645) ◇ Chapter 1 from <i>The Parable of the Ten Virgins</i> (1636-1640; 1660) ◇ <i>Autobiography</i> (1646; 1832)
Anne Bradstreet 1612-1672	◇ “In Honour of Queen Elizabeth” (1643; 1650) ◇ “The Prologue” (1650) ◇ “Upon the Burning of Our House” (1666; 1867) ◇ “As Weary Pilgrim” (1669; 1867) ◇ “Contemplations” (1678) ◇ “The Flesh and the Spirit” (1678) ◇ “The Author to her Book” (1678) ◇ “Before the Birth of One of Her Children” (1678) ◇ “A Letter to Her Husband Absent upon Public Employment” (1678) ◇ “In Reference to Her Children, 23 June, 1659” (1678) ◇ “In Memory of My Dear Grandchild Elizabeth Bradstreet, Who Deceased August, 1665, Being a

	<p>Year and a Half Old" (1678)</p> <p>◇ "In Memory of My Dear Grandchild Anne Bradstreet, Who Deceased June 20, 1669, Being Three Years and Seven Months Old" (1678)</p> <p>◇ "On My Dear Grandchild Simon Bradstreet, Who Died on 16 November, 1669, Being But a Month, and One Day Old" (1678)</p> <p>◇ "To My Dear Children" (1867)</p>
Samuel Danforth 1626-1674	◇ "A Brief Recognition of New England's Errand into the Wilderness" (1670)
Michael Wigglesworth 1631-1705	◇ "The Day of Doom" (1662) ◇ "A Song of Emptiness" (1662)
Thomas Shepard, Jr. 1635-1677	◇ "Eye-Salve" (1673)
Edward Taylor 1642-1729	<p>◇ Prologue, I.1-I.8, II.1, II.26, II.43, II.50, II.60B, II.115, from <i>Preparatory Meditations before my Approach to the Lord's Supper. Chiefly upon the Doctrine preached upon the Day of Administration</i> (1682-1725; 1939)</p> <p>◇ <i>God's Determinations touching his Elect</i> (c. 1680; 1939)</p> <p>◇ "Upon a Spider Catching a Fly" (1939)</p> <p>◇ "Upon a Wasp Chilled with Cold" (1939)</p> <p>◇ "Huswifery" (1939)</p> <p>◇ "Upon Wedlock, and Death of Children" (c. 1682; 1939)</p> <p>◇ "The Ebb and Flow"</p>
Solomon Stoddard 1643-1729	◇ <i>The Doctrine of the Instituted Churches</i> (1700)
Samuel Sewall 1652-1730	◇ <i>Diary</i> (1673-1729; 1878-1882)
Cotton Mather 1663-1728	<p>◇ <i>The Wonders of the Invisible World</i> (1693) EXCERPTS</p> <p>◇ Part I ("Antiquities"), from Part II ("Governors") "Bradford," "Winthrop," "Phips," from Part III ("Ministers") "Introduction," "Johannes in Eremo," "Norton," "Davenport," "Appendix (Hooker)," from Part IV ("Harvard") "John Mitchell," from Part V ("Synods") Sections 1-3, Part VII ("Wars of the Lord") from <i>Magnalia Christi Americana</i> (1702)</p> <p>◇ <i>The Christian Philosopher</i> (1721) EXCERPTS</p>
William Byrd 1674-1744	◇ <i>The Secret Diary of William Byrd of Westover</i> (1709-1712; 1941) EXCERPTS
Jonathan Edwards 1703-1758	<p>◇ "God Glorified in Man's Dependence" (1731)</p> <p>◇ "A Divine and Supernatural Light" (1733; 1734)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Conversions</i> (1736)</li> <li>◇ “Personal Narrative” (c. 1740)</li> <li>◇ “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” (1741)</li> <li>◇ Part I (“Concerning the Nature of the Affections”) &amp; Part III, Chapters 1 (“First Sign”), 5 (“Fifth Sign”), and 12 (“Twelfth Sign”) from <i>Religious Affections</i> (1746)</li> <li>◇ Part I (“Various Terms and Things Belonging to the Subject”) <i>Freedom of the Will</i> (1754)</li> <li>◇ Part I (“Evidences, Representations and Testimonies, Confessions and Assertions”) &amp; Part IV (“Answers to Objections”) from <i>The Great Christian Doctrine of Original Sin Defended</i> (1758)</li> <li>◇ <i>The Nature of True Virtue</i> (1765)</li> </ul>
John Woolman 1720-1772	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>The Journal of John Woolman</i> (1774)</li> <li>◇ “Some Considerations on the Keeping of Negroes” (1754)</li> </ul>
Elizabeth Ashbridge 1713-1755	◇ <i>Some Account of the Fore Part of the Life of Elizabeth Ashbridge</i> (1755; 1807) EXCERPT

#### DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE

Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ “The Way to Wealth” (1757)</li> <li>◇ <i>Autobiography</i> (1771-1790)</li> </ul>
J. Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur 1735-1813	◇ <i>Letters from an American Farmer</i> (c. 1769-80; 1782)
John Adams 1735-1826 & Abigail Adams 1744-1818	◇ <i>The Letters of John and Abigail Adams</i> (1774-1776; 1895) EXCERPTS
Thomas Paine 1737-1809	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>Common Sense</i> (1776)</li> <li>◇ Part I from <i>The Age of Reason</i> (1794)</li> <li>◇ “An Essay on Dream” from <i>Examination of Prophecies</i> (1803)</li> </ul>
Thomas Jefferson 1743-1826	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>Declaration of Independence</i> (1776)</li> <li>◇ <i>Notes on the State of Virginia</i> (1780-1781; 1787)</li> </ul>
Olaudah Equiano 1745-1797	◇ <i>The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African</i> (1789)
Judith Sargent Murray 1751-1826	◇ “On the Equality of the Sexes” (1790)
John Jay 1745-1829, James Madison 1751-1836, & Alexander Hamilton 1755-1804	◇ Numbers 1 (“General Introduction”), 2-5 (“Concerning Dangers from Foreign Force and Influence”), 10 (“The Union as a Safeguard Against Domestic Faction and Insurrection”), & 51 (“The Structure of the Government Must Furnish the Proper Checks and Balances Between

	the Different Departments”) from <i>Federalist Papers</i> (1787, 1788)
Philip Freneau 1752-1832	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ “A Political Litany” (1775)</li> <li>◇ “The Rising Glory of America” with Brackenridge (1772)</li> <li>◇ “To Sir Toby” (1784; 1791)</li> <li>◇ “The Indian Burying Ground” (1787)</li> <li>◇ “The Wild Honey Suckle” (1786)</li> <li>◇ “The Power of Fancy” (1786)</li> <li>◇ “The Indian Student” (1788)</li> <li>◇ “On the Causes of Political Degeneracy” (1798)</li> <li>◇ “On Observing a Large Red-streak Apple” (1822)</li> <li>◇ “The Vanity of Existence”</li> </ul>
John Trumbull 1756-1843	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ “The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker’s Hill, June 7, 1775” (1786)</li> <li>◇ “Declaration of Independence” (1819) [PAINTINGS]</li> </ul>
Royall Tyler 1757-1826	◇ <i>The Contrast</i> (1787)

#### INVENTING AMERICAN LITERATURE

Hugh Henry Brackenridge 1748-1816	◇ Volumes I-IV from <i>Modern Chivalry</i> (1815)
Timothy Dwight 1752-1817	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ <i>The Triumph of Infidelity</i> (1788)</li> <li>◇ <i>Greenfield Hill</i> (1794) EXCERPTS</li> </ul>
Phillis Wheatley c. 1753-1784	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ “On Being Brought from Africa to America” (1773)</li> <li>◇ “To Maecenas” (1773)</li> <li>◇ “To the University of Cambridge, in New England” (1767; 1773)</li> <li>◇ “On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield, 1770” (1770)</li> <li>◇ “Thoughts on the Works of Providence” (1773)</li> <li>◇ “To S.M., a Young African Painter, on Seeing His Works” (1773)</li> <li>◇ “To His Excellency George Washington” (1775-◇ 1776; 1776)</li> <li>◇ “On Recollection”</li> <li>◇ “On Imagination”</li> <li>◇ “A Funeral Poem on the Death of C.E. an Infant of Twelve Months”</li> <li>◇ “America”</li> <li>◇ <i>Letters</i> (1989) EXCERPTS</li> </ul>
Joel Barlow 1754-1812	◇ “The Hasty Pudding” (1793)
Hannah Foster 1758-1840	◇ <i>The Coquette</i> (1797)
Charles Brockden Brown	◇ <i>Wieland</i> (1798)

1771-1810	◇ “A Lesson on Concealment; or, Memoirs of Mary Selwyn” (1800)
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B. 10 Critical Texts (same subsections as A, but ordered now by year of text publication)

Max Weber 1864-1920	◇ <i>The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism</i> (1905)
Erich Auerbach 1892-1957	◇ “Figura” (1944)
Perry Miller 1905-1963	◇ <i>The New England Mind: From Colony to Province</i> (1953) ◇ <i>Roger Williams: His Contributions to the American Tradition</i> (1953) EXCERPTS ◇ “The Puritans as Literary Artists” (with Thomas H. Johnson) from <i>The Puritans: A Sourcebook of their Writings</i> (1963)
Edmund S. Morgan b. 1916	◇ <i>Visible Saints: The History of a Puritan Idea</i> (1963)
Sacvan Bercovitch b. 1933	◇ “Typology in Puritan New England: The Williams-Cotton Controversy Reassessed” (1967) ◇ <i>The Puritan Origins of the American Self</i> (1975)
Enrique Dussel b. 1934	◇ “Eurocentrism and Modernity (Introduction to Frankfurt Lectures)” (1992)
Michael J. Colacurcio	◇ <i>Godly Letters: The Literature of the American Puritans</i> (2006)

Garry Willis b. 1934	◇ <i>Inventing America: Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence</i> (1978)
Jacques Derrida 1930-2004	◇ “Declarations of Independence” (1986)
Michael Warner	◇ <i>The Letters of the Republic: Publication and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century America</i> (1990)
Jay Fliegelman	◇ <i>Declaring Independence: Jefferson, Natural Language, and the Culture of Performance</i> (1993)
Robert A. Ferguson	◇ “The American Enlightenment, 1750-1820” in <i>The Cambridge History of American Literature, Volume 1</i> (Ed. Sacvan Bercovitch) (1994)
Trish Loughran	◇ <i>The Republic in Print: Print Culture in the Age of U.S. Nation Building, 1770-1870</i> (2007)

Cathy N. Davidson	◇ <i>Revolution and the Word: The Rise of the Novel in America</i> (1994; expanded 2004)
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C. Bonus: Nine Experiments (ordered by birth year of author)

William Shakespeare 1564-1616	◇ <i>The Tempest</i> (c. 1611)
George Herbert 1593-1633	◇ “The Church Militant” (1633)
Sir Thomas Browne 1605-1682	◇ <i>Hydriotaphia, Urn Burial, or a Discourse of the Sepulchral Urns lately found in Norfolk</i> (1658)
John Milton 1608-1674	◇ <i>Paradise Lost</i> (1667/1674)
Andrew Marvell 1621-1678	◇ “Bermudas”
John Barth b. 1930	◇ <i>The Sot-Weed Factor</i> (1960)
Juan José Saer 1937-2005	◇ <i>The Witness</i> (1983, trans. 1990)
Thomas Pynchon b. 1937	◇ <i>Mason &amp; Dixon</i> (1997)
Sean “Puff” Combs [Puff Daddy] b. 1969	◇ “It’s All About the Benjamins (Remix)” with Lil’ Kim, The L.O.X., & Notorious B.I.G. (1997)