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Early American Reading List

**Primary Materials**

De las Casas, Bartolome. *A Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies* (Written 1542, published 1552).

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Winthrop, John. *The Journal of John Winthrop, 1630-1649* (Abridged Edition, 1996); "A Model of Christian Charity" (1630).

Bradford, William. *Of Plymouth Plantation (1620-1647)*. (1856).

Cotton, John. "God's Promise to His Plantation" (1630); *Mr. Cotton's Rejoynder* (1636).

Morton, Thomas. *New English Canaan* (Books 2 and 3, 1637).

Williams, Roger. *A Key into the Language of America*. (1644).

Shepard, Thomas. *The Autobiography of Thomas Shepard* (1649).

Bradstreet, Anne. "The Prologue"; "In Honour of Queen Elizabeth"; "Contemplations"; "The Flesh and the Spirit"; "The Author to Her Book"; "To My Dear Children"; "Upon the Burning of Our House"; "As Weary Pilgrim"

Hooker, Thomas. "A True Sight of Sin" from *The Application of Redemption* (1657).

Wigglesworth, Michael. "God's Controversy with New-England" (1662); "Day of Doom" (1662).

Danforth, Samuel. "A Brief Recognition of New England's Errand into the Wilderness" (1670).

Sewall, Samuel. *Diary*. (1673-1729; Critical Edition, 1998).

Rowlandson, Mary. *Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson* (1682).

Taylor, Edward. Prologue, I.1-I.8, II.1, II.26, II.43, II.50, II.60B, II.115 from *Preparatory Meditations before my Approach to the Lord's Supper. Chiefly upon the Doctrine preached upon the Day of Administration* (1682-1725; 1939). "Upon a spider Catching a Fly"; "Huswifery"; "Upon Wedlock, & Death of Children"; "The Ebb & Flow"; "When Let by Rain"; "Upon a Wasp with a Cold"; "Upon the Sweeping Flood"

Mather, Cotton. "Martha Carrier" and "George Burroughs" from *Wonders of the Invisible World* (1693); *Magnalia Christi Americana*, Parts I, II, III, IV, V, VII (1702).

Byrd, William. *Natural History of Virginia, or the Newly-Discovered Eden* (1737; 1841).

Edwards, Jonathan. "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (1741); "God Glorified in Man's Dependence" (1731); "Freedom of the Will" (1754); "Divine and Supernatural Light"; *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Conversions*; "Personal Narrative," *The Great Christian Doctrine of Original Sin Defended* (1758).

Ashbridge, Elizabeth. *Some Account of the Early part of the Life* (1755).

Franklin, Benjamin. *Autobiography* (1771-1790).

Wheatley, Phillis. *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* (1773).

Woolman, John. *The Journal of John Woolman* (1774) and "Some Consideration on the Keeping of Negroes" (1754).

Occom, Samson. *Collected Writings* (ed. Joanna Brooks, 2006).

Paine, Thomas. *Common Sense* (1776)

Jefferson, Thomas. "Summary View of the Rights of British America" (1774); *The Declaration of Independence* (1776); *Notes on the State of Virginia* (1785).

St. John de Crèvecoeur, J. Hector. *Letters from an American Farmer* (1782).

Various. *The Federalist*, nos. 1-5, 10, and 51 (1787-1788).

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

Equiano, Olaudah. *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African* (1789).

Murray, Judith Sargent. "On the Equality of the Sexes" (1790); "Sketch of the Present Situation in America" (1794); *The Story of Margaretta* (1793-1794).

Foster, Hannah. *The Coquette* (1797).

Brown, Charles Brockden. *Wieland* (1798).

**Secondary Materials**

Weber, Max. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (1905).

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

Morgan, Edmund. *Visible Saints: The History of a Puritan Idea* (1963).

Bercovitch, Sacvan. *The Puritan Origins of the American Self* (1975).

Seelye, John. *Prophetic Waters: The River in Early American Life and Literature* (1977).

Warner, Michael. *Letters of the Republic: Publication and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century America* (1990).

Fliegelman, Jay. *Declaring Independence: Jefferson, Natural Language, and the Culture of Performance* (1993).

Davidson, Cathy. *Revolution and the Word: The Rise of the Novel in America* (1994; Expanded 2004).

Colacurcio, Michael. *Godly Letters: The Literature of the American Puritans* (2006).

Loughran, Trish. *The Republic in Print: Print Culture in the Age of U.S. Nation Building, 1770-1870* (2007).