

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)
- 3) John Smith *The Generall Historie of Virginia, New-England, and the Summer Isles* (1624)
- 4) John Winthrop, “A Modell of Christian Charity” (1630)
- 5) William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (1630–1649)
- 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)
- 10) Anne Bradstreet, *The Quaternion* (“The Prologue,” “The Four Elements,” “Of the Four Humours” “Of the Four Ages,” and “The Four Seasons”), “To My Dear Children,” “For My Dear Son Simon Bradstreet,” “Meditations Divine and Moral,” “An Epitaph on Mrs. Dorothy Dudley,” “Contemplations,” “The Flesh and the Spirit,” “The Vanity of All Worldly Things,” “The Author to her Book,” “Before the Birth of One of Her Children,” “To Her Father With Some Verses,” “In Reference to her Children,” “In Memory of Elizabeth Bradstreet,” “In Memory of Anne Bradstreet,” “On Simon Bradstreet,” “In Memory of Mrs. Mercy Bradstreet,” “Upon the Burning of Our House,” “As Weary Pilgrim”
- 11) Thomas Hooker, “A True Sight of Sin” from *The Application of Redemption* (1656)
- 12) Michael Wigglesworth, “God’s Controversy with New-England” (1662), “Day of Doom” (1662)
- 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)
- 16) Edward Taylor, Prologue, Series I.1–I.8, Series II.1, II.26, II.43, II.50, II.60B, II.115, *Gods Determinations touching his Elect*, From *Minor Poetry*: “Upon a Spider Catching a Fly,” “Huswifery,” “Upon Wedlock, & Death of Children,” “The Ebb & Flow,” “Dove Letter” and “Dove Poem,” “Were but my Muse an Huswife Good,” “Funerall Poem upon the Death of my ever Endeared, & tender Wife,” “A Valediction to all the World preparatory for Death,” (Version 1) “A Fig for thee Oh! Death” (Version 2)
- 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)

18) Ann Hutchinson from David Hall's *The Antinomian Controversy 1636–1638: A Documentary History* (1990)

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

20) Jonathan Edwards, "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)

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)

24) John Adams, *A Dissertation on the Canoon and Feudal Law* (1765)

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

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

27) Philip Freneau, "American Liberty", "*Libera nos, Domine—Deliver us, O Lord*", "Female Frailty", "Stanzas Occasioned by the Ruins of a Country Inn", "The Dying Indian", "The Wild Honey Suckle", "The Indian Student, or Force of Nature", "Lines occasioned by a Visit to an old Indian Burial Ground", "The Country Printer", "To Sir Toby, a Sugar Planter in the interior parts of Jamaica", "To Mr. Blanchard", "The Republican Genius of Europe", "On a Honey Bee, Drinking from a Glass of Wine, and Drowned Therein"

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)

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

32) Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, James Madison, *The Federalist* #1–5, #10, #51 (1787, 1788)

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)

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

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

- 4) Garry Wills, *Inventing American: Jefferson's Declaration of Independence* (1978)
- 5) Jay Fliegelman, *Declaring Independence: Jefferson Natural Language, and the Culture of Performance* (1993)
- 6) Robert A. Ferguson, *The American Enlightenment, 1750–1820* (1994)
- 7) Christopher Looby, *Voicing America* (1996)
- 8) Michael J. Colacurcio “Christ’s Reply, Saint’s Assurance: Taylor’s Double Standard” and “The Example of Edwards: Puritan Imagination and the Metaphysics of Sovereignty” from *Doctrine and Difference* (1997)
- 9) Cathy Davidson, *Revolution and the Word: The Rise of the Novel in America* (1986, expanded 2004)
- 10) Michael J. Colacurcio, *Godly Letters* (2006)