

**Early American Reading List**

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

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

1790 (1630s) Winthrop, John. "Model of Christian Charity," *Journal* (excerpts)  
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*  
(ed. Jeannine Hensley, 1967).

"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"

1662 Wigglesworth, Michael. "God's Controversy with New-England," "The Day of Doom, or a  
Poetical Description of the Great and Last Judgment"

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, Thaumato-graphica Pneumatica, Salem) (Part VII (Wars of the Lord), Dustan, "A Most Notable Exploit"

1765 Edwards, Jonathan. "God Glorified in Man's Dependence," "Divine and Supernatural Light," Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Conversions," "Personal Narrative," "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," *The Nature of True Virtue*, "Freedom of the Will" (selections)

1773 Wheatley, Phillis. Selections from *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* (1773) and *The Poems of Phillis Wheatley* (ed. Mason, rev. ed. 1989).

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 Honourable 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*

1776, 1793 Paine, Thomas. "Common Sense," *The Age of Reason* (Part I)

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

1785 Jefferson, Thomas. "Declaration of Independence," *Notes on the State of Virginia* (selections)

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*