

Syllabus – American Literature Assignments – Fall 2009

Please understand that the timing is approximate, and that changes may be necessary at any time. The text for this course is McDougal Littell The Language of Literature. Each Friday we shall have vocabulary and idioms tests. In addition, there will be tests over outside readings, quizzes, and unit tests as needed. Tests and outside readings will be announced. Quizzes will occur almost every day.

Week of	Topic(s)
Aug. 3	Meeting of Cultures Vocabulary, Idioms
Aug. 10	Smith, Bradford, Bradstreet, Taylor, Edwards Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Response
Aug. 17	Benjamin Franklin, Jefferson, Paine, Wheatley Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Aug. 24	Speeches: Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, John F. Kennedy Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Aug. 31	American Identity: Benjamin Franklin, Abigail Adams, Crevecoeur, Alex Haley Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Sept. 7	A Growing Nation: Irving, Longfellow, Bryant, Holmes, Lowell, Whittier Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Sept. 14	Poe, Hawthorne, Melville Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Sept. 21	<u>The Crucible</u> Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses
Sept. 28	<u>The Crucible</u> Vocabulary, Idioms, Reading Responses Exams

**Texts: McDougal Littell The Language of Literature
Sadler-Oxford Voc. Workshop**

**Expectations on a (more or less) weekly basis:
Vocabulary homework (nightly) and test on Friday
Idioms test weekly on Friday**

Unit assessments of student learning will be varied and may include but not be limited to the following:

- 1. Oral presentations**
- 2. Creative writing**
- 3. Projects**
- 4. Analytical writing**
- 5. Essay tests**
- 6. Objective tests**
- 7. Combination of essay/objective tests**
- 8. Teacher observation**
- 9. Computer projects**
- 10. Term papers**
- 11. Portfolios**
- 12. Research projects**
- 13. Group presentations**