

ENG 211: American Literature 1 (Halbert, Fall 2025)
Midterm Exam Quotation Study Guide

QUOTE: He said, "I want a little piece of land, only as much as a cowhide will cover. Will you give it to me?"

"Oh yes, we can give you that much." Ah, but they did not use just the cowhide. They began to cut it into little thin strips so that when stretched out it encircled a large piece of land.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Willie Longbone TITLE : "The Coming of the Whites"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 116

QUOTE: And if they resist, then they make war against them. For they count this the most just cause of war, when any people, holdeth a piece of ground void and vacant, to no good or profitable use, keeping others from the use and possession of it, which notwithstanding by the law of nature ought thereof to be nourished and relieved...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas More TITLE : *Utopia* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (Cluster, 127)

QUOTE: They could not imagine a naturalness so pure and simple as we see by experience; nor could they believe that our so-ciety could be maintained with so little artifice and human solder.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE TITLE : *Of Cannibals*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: The Heath Anthology of American Literature Vol.A (P110)

QUOTE: The laws of nature still rule them, very little corrupted by ours.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Michel De Montaigne 1533 - 1592 TITLE: *Of Cannibals*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: The Heath anthology of American literature

QUOTE: They should be good servants and intelligent, for I observed that they quickly took in what was said to them, and I believe that they would easily be made Christians, as it appeared to me that they had no religion...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus TITLE : *Journal of the First Voyage to America*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (Anthology, 90)

QUOTE: I say that if Christiandom will find profit among these people, how much more will Spain, to whom the whole country should be subject.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus and Bartolome de las Casas

TITLE : *Journal of the First Voyage to America* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P92

QUOTE: They have no arms, and are without warlike instincts; they all go naked, and are so timid that a thousand would not stand before our three men.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : TITLE : Christopher Columbus with Batolome de las Casas, *Journal of the First Voyage to America*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Civilizations In Contact*.P.94

QUOTE: "The inhabitants of this island, and all the rest that I discovered or heard of, go naked, as their mothers bore them, men and women alike"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus TITLE : *Journal of the First Voyage to America*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: BA 94

QUOTE: I have not found the human monsters which many people expected. On the contrary, the whole population is well mae.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus TITLE : *Journal of the First Voyage to America*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: BA 96

QUOTE: We understood that they asked us if we had come from heaven. One old man came into the boat, and others cried out, in loud voices, to all the men and women, to come and see the men who had come from heaven, and to bring them to eat and drink. Many came, including women, each bringing something, giving thanks to God, throwing themselves on the ground and shouting to us to come on shore.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Christopher Columbus with Bartolomé de las Casas TITLE : *Journal of the First Voyage to America* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction* P287

QUOTE: So also they have regarded the others who after him have been elected to the pontificate, and so has it been continued even till now, and will continue till the end of the world.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Palacios Rubios TITLE : *Requerimiento* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *The Heath Anthology of American Literature Vol.A* (P117)

QUOTE: But if you do not do this or if you maliciously delay in doing it, I certify to you that with the help of God we shall forcefully enter into your country and shall make war against you in all ways and manners that we can, and shall subject you into the yoke and obedience of the Church and of their highnesses; we shall take you and your wives and your children and shall make slaves of them, and as such shall sell and dipose of them as their highnesses may command; and we shall take away your goods and shall do to you all the harm and damage that we can, as to vassals who do not obey and refuse to receive their lord and resist and contradict him; and we protect that the deaths and losses which shall accrue from this are your fault, and not that of their highnesses, or ours, or of these soldiers who come with us.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Palacios Rubios TITLE : "Requerimiento" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 118 *The Heath Anthology of American Literature Seventh Edition*

QUOTE: Because although the hope that I had coming out from among them was always very little, my care and effort to remember everything in detail was always very great. This I did so that if at some time our Lord God should wish to bring me to the place where I am now, I would be able to bear witness

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alvar Nunez Cabeza De Vaca TITLE : *The Relacion of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Civilizations in Contact*.P.139

QUOTE: "...without interpreters, through an area where we could hardly make ourselves understood by the Indians or learn about the land what we desired to know, and that we were entering into a land about which we had no information, nor did we know what it was like, nor what was stored in it, nor by what people it was populated, nor in which part of it we were located, and that beyond all this, we did not have adequate provisions to enter a place of which we were ignorant..."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca TITLE : *The Relación of Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca* BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: BA 140

QUOTE: Their custom is to bury their dead, except those among them who are physicians whose remains they burn. And while the fire burns, they all dance and make great celebration.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Alvar Nunez Cabeza De Vaca TITLE : *The Relacion of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Civilizations in Contact.P.144

QUOTE: These people love their children more and treat them better than any people in the world. And when it happens that one of their children dies, the parents and the relatives and all the rest of the people weep.

SOURCE: Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca. *Relacion*. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature Volume 1 pg #143

QUOTE: The reason the Christians have murdered on such a vast scale and killed anyone and everyone in their way is purely and simply greed. They have set out to line their pockets with gold and to amass private fortunes as quickly as possible so that they can assume a status quite at odds with that into which they were born.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Bartolome de las Casas TITLE : *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies (1552)*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (Anthology, 101)

QUOTE: There is one other general rule in all of this and that is, wherever the Spaniards step foot, right throughout the Americas, they subjected the native inhabitants to the cruelties of which we have spoken, killing these poor innocent people, tyrannizing them, and oppressing them in the most abominable fashion. The longer they spent in the region the more ingenious were the torments, each crueler than the last, that they inflicted on their victims, as God finally abandoned them and left them to plummet headlong into a life of full-time crime and wickedness

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Bartolomé de las Casas, TITLE : "from Bartolomé de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *The Broadview Anthology of American Literature* (Concise Edition, Vol. 1) (P103)

QUOTE: I asked him how it was that he had gone crazy too-being an Indian who spoke our language, was so intelligent, and had lived all his life in the villa among the Spaniards, where I had placed such confidence in him-and was now coming as a leader of the Indian rebels. He replied to me that they had elected him as their captain, and that they were carrying two banners, one white and the other red, and that the white one signified peace and the red one war...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Antonio de Otermin TITLE : letter on the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 (8 Sep. 1680)
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (Anthology, 108)

QUOTE: They imagined the world to be flat and round, like a trencher, and they in the midst. After this they brought him a bag of gunpowder, which they carefully preserved till the next spring, to plant as they did their corn, because they would be acquainted with the nature of that seed.

SOURCE: John Smith. *The General History of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles*. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature Volume 1 pg #157

QUOTE: "Then as many as could laid hands on him dragged him to them, and thereon laid his head, and being ready with their clubs to beat out his brains, Pocahontas, the King's dearest daughter, when no entreaty could prevail, got his head in her arms, and laid her own upon his to save him from death..."

SOURCE: John Smith. *The General History of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles. Chapter 2, What Happened Till The First Supply*. Vol. 1 Pg. 157

QUOTE: And he much marvelled that you would send me a servant to the Company; he saith I had been better knocked on the head. And indeed so I find it now, to my great grief and misery; and saith that if you love me you will redeem me suddenly, for which I do entreat and beg.

SOURCE: Richard Frethorne. "Richard Frethorne: to His Parents" (Virginia, 1623). Pg. 332.

QUOTE: But this is certain: I never felt the want of father and mother till now; but now, dear friends, full well I know and rue it, although it were too late before I knew it....

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Richard Frethorne TITLE : "Richard Frethorne's Letter"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: I have eaten more in [one] day at home than I have allowed me here for a week.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Richard Frethorne TITLE : "Richard Frethorne, to His Parents (Virginia, 1623)"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 331

QUOTE: For as strong beer in England doth fatten and strengthen them, so water here doth wash and weaken these here

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Richard Frethorne TITLE : Richard Frethorne, to his Parents
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Beginning to 1700

QUOTE: People cry out day and night – Oh! that they were in England without their limbs—and would not care to lose any limb to be England again, yea, though they beg from door to door.

SOURCE: Richard Frethorne. from Richard Frethorne, to His Parents. Beginnings to 1700 Vol A pg #331

QUOTE: And I may not omit here a special work of God's providence. There was a proud and very profane young man, one of the seamen, of a lusty, able body, which made him the more haughty; he would always be contemning the poor people in their sickness and cursing them daily with grievous execrations; and did not let to tell them that he hoped to help to cast half of them overboard before they came to their journey's end, and to make merry with what they had; and if he were by any gently reproved, he would curse and swear most bitterly. But it pleased God before they came half seas over, to smite this young man with a grievous disease, of which he died in a desperate manner, and so was himself the first that was thrown overboard. Thus his curses light on his own head, and it was an astonishment to all his fellows for they noted it to be the just hand of God upon him. ...

SOURCE: AUTHOR : William Bradford TITLE : *Of Plymouth Plantation*

QUOTE: they brought again all the tools that were stolen away before, and made way for the coming of their great Sachem, called Massasoit. Who, about four or five days after, came with the chief of his friends and other attendance, with the aforesaid Squanto. With whom, after friendly entertainment and some gifts given him, they made a peace with him (which hath now continued this 24 years) in these terms:

SOURCE: William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*. Page 176

QUOTE: There are two rules whereby we are to walk one towards another: justice and mercy. These are always distinguished in their act and in their object, yet may they both occur in the same subject in each respect; as sometimes there may be an occasion of showing mercy to a rich man in some sudden danger or distress, and also doing of mere justice to poor man in egard of some particular contract, etc.

SOURCE: John Winthrop. *A Model of Christian Charity*, The Reason Hereof. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature/Volume 1/ pg #188

QUOTE: Christ and his church make one body.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Winthrop TITLE : "A Model of Christian Charity" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 192 Broad View Anthology of American Literature Concise Edition Volume 1:

QUOTE: We shall find that the Agod of Israel is among us, when ten of us shall be able to resist a thousand of our enemies; when he shall make us a praise and glory that men shall say of succeeding plantations, "may the Lord make it like that of New England." For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Winthrop TITLE : "A Model of Christian Charity" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: (Anthology, 196)

QUOTE: but if we shall neglect the observation of these articles which are at the ends we have propounded and dissembling with our God, shall fall to embrace this present world and prosecute our carnal intentions, seeking great things for ourselves and our posterity, the Lord will surely break out in wrath against us, and be revenged of such a people, and make us know the price of the breach of such a covenant.

SOURCE: John Winthrop, A Model of Christian Charity. Page 196

QUOTE: hath so disposed of the condition of mankind

SOURCE: AUTHOR : John Winthrop TITLE : *A Model of Christian Charity*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 189

QUOTE: Men can do best, and women know it well./ Preeminence in each and all is yours, /Yet grant some small acknowledgement of ours.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : "Prolouge"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: .Vol.1.217

QUOTE: Sister, quoth Flesh, what liv'st thou on,
Nothing but meditation?
Doth contemplation feed thee so
Regardlessly to let earth go?
Can speculation satisfy
Notion without reality?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : "The Flesh and the Spirit"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 222

QUOTE: My head, my heart, mine eyes, my life, nay more

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : *A Letter to Her Husband, Absent upon Public Employment*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 224

QUOTE: No sooner come, but gone, and fall'n asleep,/ Acquaintance short, yet parting caused us weep,
/Three flowers, two scarcely blown, the last i'th' bud, /Cropped by th' Almighty's hand; yet is he good.

SOURCE: Anne Bradstreet. *On My Dear Grand-Child Simon Bradstreet, Who Died on 16 Novemebr, 1669, Being but a Month and One Day*. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature Volume 1 pg #225

QUOTE: With dreadful awe before him let's be mute.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : *On My Dear Grand-Child Simon Bradstreet, Who Died on 16 November, 1669, Being but a Month and One Day Old*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 225

QUOTE: But as I grew up to be about 14 or 15 I found my heart more carnal, and sitting loose from God, vanity and the follies of youth take hold of me. About 16, the Lord laid his hand sore upon me, and smote me with the smallpox. When I was in my affliction, I besought the Lord, and confessed my pride and vanity and he was entreated of me, and again restored me. But I rendered not to him according to the benefit received.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : "To My Dear Children" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 2

QUOTE: Many times hath Satan troubled me concerning the verity of the scriptures, many times by atheism: how could I know whether there was a God? I never saw any miracles to confirm me, and those which I read of—how did I know but they were feigned? That there is a God my reason would soon tell me by the wondrous works that I see, the vast frame of the heaven and the earth, the order of all things, night and day, summer and winter, spring and autumn, the daily providing for this great household upon the earth, the preserving and directing of all to its proper end. The consideration of these things would with amazement certainly resolve me that there is an Eternal Being.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Anne Bradstreet TITLE : "To My Dear Children"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction P287*

QUOTE: In an ambiguous letter to the judges, "[I]t is necessary that all proceeding thereabout be managed with an exceeding tenderness towards those that may be complained of," his letter declared, but he appeared to contradict this warning with the closing statement that "[N]evertheless, we cannot but humbly recommend unto the government, the speedy and vigorous prosecution" of witches.

SOURCE: Cotton Mather, *The Wonders of the Invisible World*. Page 274

QUOTE: "Before the trial of this prisoner, several of her own children had frankly and fully confessed not only that they were witches themselves, but that this their mother had made them so"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: BA 277

QUOTE: "Samuel Preston testified, that about two years ago, having some difference with Martha Carrier, he lost a cow in a strange preternatural unusual manner; and about a month after this, the said Carrier, having again some difference with him, she told him he had lately lost a cow, and it should not be long before he lost another!"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE#: BA 278

QUOTE: This rampant hag, Martha Carrier, was the person of whom the confessions of the witches and of her own children among the rest agreed that the Devil had promised her she should be Queen of Hell

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : *The Wonders of the Invisible World*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 279

QUOTE: She would hold his nose as close to the grindstone as ever it was held since his name was Abbot. Presently after this, he was taken with a swelling in his foot, and then with a pain in his side, and exceedingly tormented.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : "The Wonders of the Invisible" World BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 277 Broad View Anthology of American Literature Concise Edition Volume 1

QUOTE: the rest agreed that the Devil had promised her she should be Queen of Hell

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : The Wonders of the Invisible World
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 279

QUOTE: "Christianity will be the best cure for this Barbarity"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : "The Negro Christianized"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: "The vast improvement that Education has made upon some of them, argues that there is a Reasonable Soul in all of them"

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : "The Negro Christianized"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: What Law is it, that Sets the Baptized Slave at Liberty?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Cotton Mather TITLE : "The Negro Christianized"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: P16

QUOTE: There is nothing between you and hell but the air; 'tis only the power and mere pleasure of God that holds you up.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry" God
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 209 Broad View Anthology of American Literature Concise Edition Volume 1

QUOTE: *There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of hell*

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: The Broadway anthology of American literature Pg 287

QUOTE: No, I never intended to come here: I had laid out matters otherwise in my mind; I thought I should contrive well for myself; I thought my scheme good. I intended to take effectual care; but it came upon me unexpected; I did not look for it at that time, and in that manner; it came as a thief; Death outwitted me: God's wrath was too quick for me. Oh, my cursed foolishness! I was flattering myself, and pleasing myself with vain dreams of what I would do hereafter; and when I was saying peace and safety, then sudden destruction came upon me."

SOURCE: AU Jonathan Edwards, Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God. Page 289

QUOTE: The God that holds you over the pit of hell, muh as one holds a spide, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight; you are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes, than the most hateful venomous sperpent is in ours.

SOURCE: Johnathan Edwards. *Sinners in the Hands of an Anrgy God*. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature Volume 1 pg # 291

QUOTE: And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God.

SOURCE: Jonathan Edwards, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, pg.294

QUOTE: Are not your souls as precious as the souls of the people of Suffield

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Jonathan Edwards TITLE : *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: pg 295

QUOTE: The Indian offended, replied, "My brother, it seems your friends have not done you justice in your education; they have not well instructed you in the rules of common civility. You saw that we, who understand and practice those rules, believed all your stories; why do you refuse to believe ours?"

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. *Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America*. The Broadview Anthology of American Literature Volume 1 pg #307

QUOTE: If they met so often to learn *good things*, they would certainly have learnt some before this time.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Benjamin Franklin TITLE : "Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 308 Broad View Anthology of American Literature Concise Edition Volume 1

QUOTE: I cannot conceive (may it please your Honours) what the Nature of my Offence is. I have brought Five fine Children into the World, at the Risque of my Life; I have maintain'd them well by my own Industry, without burthening the Township, and would have done it better, if it had not been for the heavy Charges and Fines I have paid. Can it be a Crime (in the Nature of Things I mean) to add to the Number of the King's Subjects, in a new Country that really wants People? I own it, I should think it a Praise-worthy, rather than a punishable Action. I have debauched no other Woman's Husband, nor enticed any Youth; these Things I never was charg'd with, nor has any one the least Cause of Complaint against me, unless, perhaps, the Minister, or Justice, because I have had Children without being married, by which they have missed a Wedding Fee.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin "The Speech of Miss Polly Baker"