

ENG 211 AMERICAN LITERATURE 1 (Summer 2025—Halbert)
Final Exam Quotation Guide

QUOTE: several of our young people were formerly brought up at the colleges of the northern provinces; they were instructed in all your sciences; but, when they came back to us, they were bad runners, ignorant of every means of living in the woods, unable to bear either cold or hunger, knew neither how to build a cabin, take a deer, or kill an enemy, spoke our language imperfectly, were therefore neither fit for hunters, warriors, nor counsellors;

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Benjamin Franklin TITLE : "Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Broadview Anthology, 305

QUOTE: It seems the Accused had been charged with making their Neighbours Sheep dance in an uncommon Manner, and with causing Hogs to speak, and sing Psalms, &c. to the great Terror and Amazement of the King's good and peaceable Subjects in this Province; and the Accusers being very positive that if the Accused were weighted in Scales against a Bible, the Bible would prove too heavy for them

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Benjamin Franklin TITLE : "A Witch Trial at Mount Holly"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

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"

QUOTE: But admitting that we were all of English descent—what does it amount to? Nothing. Britain, being now an open enemy, extinguishes every other name and title: And to say that reconciliation is our duty, is truly farcical. The first king of England, of the present line (William the Conqueror) was a Frenchman, and half the peers of England¹⁰ are descendants from the same country; wherefore, by the same method of reasoning, England ought to be governed by France.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Paine TITLE : *Common Sense* BA 397

QUOTE: But if, you say, you can still pass the violations over, then I ask, Hath your house been burnt? Hath your property been destroyed before your face? Are your wife and children destitute of a bed to lie on, or bread to live on? Have you lost a parent or a child by their hands, and yourself the ruined and wretched survivor? If you have not, then are you not a judge of those who have. But if you have, and can still shake hands with the murderers, then are you unworthy of the name of husband, father, friend, or lover, and whatever may be your rank or title in life; you have the heart of a coward, and the spirit of a sycophant.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Paine TITLE : *Common Sense* BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Broadview Anthology, 399

QUOTE: A government of our own is our natural right.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Paine TITLE : *Common Sense* BA 399

QUOTE: Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

SOURCE: Thomas Paine, "The American Crisis"

QUOTE: They seem to require less sleep. A black, after hard labour through the day, will be induced by the slightest amusements to sit up till midnight or later, though knowing he must be out with the first dawn of the morning. They are at least as brave, and more adventuresome. But this may perhaps proceed from a want of forethought, which prevents their seeing a danger till it be present. When present, they do not go through it with more coolness or steadiness than the whites. They are more ardent after their female, but love seems with them to be more an eager desire, than a tender delicate mixture of sentiment and sensation

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Thomas Jefferson TITLE : *Notes on the State of Virginia*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction P412*

QUOTE: Add to these, flowing hair, a more elegant symmetry of form, their own judgement in favour of the whites, declared by their preference of them, as uniformly as is the preference of the Oranootan for the black women over those of his own species.

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Thomas Jefferson TITLE : "Notes on the State of Virginia" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology 413*

QUOTE: Men are like plants; the goodness and flavour of the fruit proceeds from the peculiar soil and exposition in which they grow. We are nothing but what we derive from the air we breathe, the climate we inhabit, the government we obey, the system of religion we profess, and the nature of our employment. Here you will find but few crimes; these have acquired as yet no root among us.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : J. Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur TITLE : *What Is An American?*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction P376*

QUOTE: Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur TITLE : *Letters from an American Farmer*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: p.376

QUOTE: Remember, *Christians*, *Negros*, black as Cain,
May be refined and join th' angelic train.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Phillis Wheatley TITLE : "On Being Brought from Africa to America" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction P517*

QUOTE: Though Winter frowns to Fancy's raptured eyes
The fields may flourish, and gay scenes arise;
The frozen deeps° may break their iron bands,
And bid their waters murmur o'er the sands.
Fair Flora may resume her fragrant reign,
And with her flow'ry riches deck the plain;

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Phillis Wheatley TITLE : "On Imagination"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 517

QUOTE: And now, when weighed down by the pains and aches of old age, when the head inclines to the feet, when the beginning and ending of human existence meet, and helpless infancy and painful old age combine together—at this time, this most needful time, the time for the exercise of that tenderness and affection which children only can exercise towards a declining parent—my poor old grand-mother, the devoted mother of twelve children, is left all alone, in yonder little hut, before a few dim embers.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : *Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass, an American Slave*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 1106

QUOTE: The madness of this course, we believe, is admitted now, even by England; but we fear the lesson is wholly lost on our present rulers.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Fredrick Douglass TITLE : "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" 1127

QUOTE: But such is not the state of the case. I say it with a sad sense of the disparity between us. I am not included within the pale of this glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought life and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology of American Literature Concise Volume 1: Beginnings to Reconstruction P1130*

QUOTE: What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: *Broadview Anthology 1133*

QUOTE: Allow me to say, in conclusion, notwithstanding the dark picture I have this day presented of the state of the nation, I do not despair of this country.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Fredrick Douglass TITLE "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" p. 1139

QUOTE: This Fourth July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE : "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# : BA 1130

QUOTE: To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Frederick Douglass TITLE "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 1144

QUOTE: All I complain of is that our education consists so almost exclusively in culinary and other manual operations.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sarah Moor Grimke
the Condition of Woman: p.704

TITLE : *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and*

QUOTE: S.A. Forrall, speaking of the state of morals at the South, syas, "Negresses, when you are young and likely, are often employed by the planter, or his friends, to administer to their sensual desires. This frequently is a matter of speculation, for if the offspring, a mulatto, be a handsome female, 800 or 1000 dollars may be obtained for her in the New Orleans market. It is an occurrence of no uncommon nature to see a Christian father sell his own daughter, and the brother his own sister."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sarah Moore Grimke
the Condition of Women: 705

title : *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and*

QUOTE: I want to say a few words about this matter. I am a woman's rights. I have as much muscle as any man, and can do as much work as any man. I have plowed and reaped and husked and chopped and mowed, and can any man do more than that? I have heard much about the sexes being equal; I can carry as much as any man, and can eat as much too, if I can get it. I am as strong as any man that is now. As for intellect, all I can say is, if woman have a pint and man a quart-why can't she have her little pint full? You need not be afraid to give us our rights for fear we will take too much-for we can't take more than our pint'll hold.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sojourner Truth TITLE : "Speech at the Akron, Ohio Women's Rights Convention, 1851" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Broadview Anthology 912

QUOTE: an ar'n't I a woman?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sojourner Truth
Convention: p.913

TITLE : *Speech at the Akron, Ohio Women's Rights*

QUOTE: Turning again to another objector, she took up the defense of mother Eve.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sojourner Truth TITLE : "Speech at the Akron, Ohio Women's Rights Convention, 1851". 913

QUOTE: Raising her voice still louder, she repeated, "Whar did your Christ come from? From God and a woman. Man had nothing to do with him."

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Sojourner Truth TITLE "Speech at the Akron, Ohio Women's Rights Convention, 1851" BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 925

QUOTE: He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Elizabeth Cady Stanton

TITLE : "Declaration of Sentiments"

QUOTE: She would not in some countries be given away by her father, with scarcely more respect for her own feelings than is shown by the Indian chief, who sells his daughter for a horse.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Fuller
Woman versus p.844

TITLE : *The Greatest Lawsuit: Man versus Men.*

QUOTE: Dante married a woman chosen for him.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Margaret Fuller TITLE : The Great Lawsuit: Man vs. Men. Woman vs. Women
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: 844

QUOTE: Male and female represent the two sides of the great radical dualism. But, in fact, they are perpetually passing into one another. Fluid hardens to solid, solid rushes to fluid. There is no wholly masculine man, no purely feminine woman.

SOURCE: Margaret Fuller, "The Great Lawsuit: Man *versus* Men. Woman *versus* Women."

QUOTE: They seize upon our fertile territories, scourge us from our rightful possession, relieve us from our wives, and when we are unreasonable enough to complain, they will turn upon us and say—miserable barbarians! ungrateful wretches!—have we not come thousands of miles to improve your worthless planet—have we not fed you with moonshine—have we not intoxicated you with nitrous oxyde—does not our moon give you light every night and have you the baseness to murmur, when we claim a pitiful return for all these benefits?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Washington Irving TITLE : *A History of New York*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE:

QUOTE: They crowded round him, eyeing him from head to foot with great curiosity. The orator bustled up to him, and drawing him partly aside, inquired "On which side he voted?" Rip stared in vacant stupidity. Another short but busy little fellow pulled him by the arm, and, rising on tiptoe, inquired in his ear, "Whether he was Federal or Democrat?"

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Irving TITLE: Rip Van Winkle

QUOTE: The foregoing generations beheld by God and nature face to face: we, through their eyes.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : *Nature* p.709

QUOTE: But his operations taken together are so insignificant, a little chipping, baking, patching, and washing, that in an impression so grand as that of the world on the human mind, they do not vary the result.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : *Nature* 710

QUOTE: Trust thyself, every heart vibrates to that iron string.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : "Self-Reliance"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# : BA 714

QUOTE: To be great is to be misunderstood.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Ralph Waldo Emerson TITLE : *Self-Reliance*
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: BA 730

QUOTE: How is it possible for an individual to retain moral integrity within the confines of an unjust society?

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government" 996

QUOTE: I heartily accept the motto, "That government is best which governs least".

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government" BA 998

QUOTE: The mass of men serve the State thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# : BA 1000

QUOTE: It is not a man's duty, as a matter of course, to devote himself to the eradication of any, even the most enormous wrong; he may still properly have other concerns to engage him; but it is his duty, at least, to wash his hands of it, and, if he gives it no thought longer, not to give it practically his support.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government"
BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF APPLICABLE: Broadview Anthology 1002

QUOTE: However, the government does not concern me much, and I shall bestow the fewest possible thoughts on it.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Henry David Thoreau TITLE : "Resistance to Civil Government" : p.1009

QUOTE:

Fierce-throated beauty!
Roll through my chant with all thy lawless music, thy swinging lamps at night,
Thy madly-whistled laughter, echoing, rumbling like an earthquake, rousing all,
Law of thyself complete, thine own track firmly holding,
(No sweetness debonair of tearful harp or glib piano thine,)
Thy trills of shrieks by rocks and hills return'd,
Launch'd o'er the prairies wide, across the lakes,
To the free skies unpent and glad and strong.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "To a Locomotive in Winter"

QUOTE: I have been as well acquainted with your family as with ever a one among the Puritans; and that's no trifle to say. I helped your grandfather, the constable, when he lashed the Quaker woman so smartly through the streets of Salem; and it was I that brought your father a pitch-pine knot, kindled at my own hearth, to set fire to an Indian village, in King Philip's War. They were my good friends, both; and many a pleasant walk have we had along this path, and returned merrily after midnight. I would fain be friends with you for their sake.

SOURCE: Nathaniel Hawthorne "Young Goodman Brown"

QUOTE: "There," resumed the sable form, "are all whom ye have revered from youth. Ye deemed them holier than yourselves, and shrank from your own sin, contrasting it with their lives of righteousness and prayerful aspirations heavenward. Yet here are they all in my worshipping assembly. This night it shall be granted you to know their secret deeds: how hoary-bearded elders of the church have whispered wanton words to the young maids of their households; how many a woman, eager for widows' weeds, has given her husband a drink at bedtime and let him sleep his last sleep in her bosom; how beardless youths have made haste to inherit their fathers' wealth; and how fair damsels—blush not, sweet ones—have dug little graves in the garden, and bidden me, the sole guest to an infant's funeral. By the sympathy of your human hearts for sin ye shall scent out all the places—whether in church, bedchamber, street, field, or forest—where crime has been committed, and shall exult to behold the whole earth one stain of guilt, one mighty blood spot.

SOURCE: Nathaniel Hawthorne "Young Goodman Brown"

QUOTE:

"Will you, or will you not, quit me?" I now demanded in a sudden passion, advancing close to him.

'I would prefer not to quit you', he replied, gently emphasizing the not."

SOURCE: Herman Melville, "Bartleby the Scrivener"

QUOTE: Eagerly I wished the morrow;—vainly I had sought to borrow
 From my books surcease of sorrow—sorrow for the lost Lenore—
 For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore—
 Nameless *here* for evermore.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Raven"

QUOTE: But even yet I refrained and kept still. I scarcely breathed. I held the lantern motionless. I tried how steadily I could maintain the ray upon the eye. Meantime the hellish tattoo? of the heart increased. It grew quicker and quicker, and louder and louder every instant. The old man's terror must have been extreme! It grew louder, I say, louder every moment! --do you mark me well? I have told you that I am nervous: so I am!

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. "The Tell-Tale Heart."

QUOTE:
 But our love it was stronger by far than the love
 Of those who were older than we—
 Of many far wiser than we—
 And neither the angels in heaven above,
 Nor the demons down under the sea,
 Can ever dissever my soul from the soul
 Of the beautiful ANNABEL LEE:

SOURCE: AUTHOR: Poe TITLE: Annabel Lee BOOK/VOL/PAGE# (IF
 APPLICABLE): 2768

QUOTE: And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side
 Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride,
 In the sepulcher there by the sea—
 In her tomb by the sounding sea.

SOURCE: AUTHOR : Edgar Allen Poe TITLE : Annabel Lee

QUOTE: I saw battle-corpses, myriads of them,
 And the white skeletons of young men, I saw them,
 I saw the debris and debris of all the dead soldiers of the war,
 But I saw they were not as was thought,
 They themselves were fully at rest, they suffer'd not,
 The living remain'd and suffer'd, the mother suffer'd,
 And the wife and the child and the musing comrade suffer'd,
 And the armies that remain'd suffer'd.

SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd",