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Texts:

Anthology of American Literature,

Reading Schedule:

The following is what we will read but not how long we will take to read it. That is, we will not be limited by a timetable, and because this is a discussion class, we will surely get behind. I hope so: to not be, means we're bored.

1. "Declaration of Independence," "The Gift Outright" (Frost)
2. Irving: "Rip Van Winkle," "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
3. Cooper: "Introduction to the Leather-Stocking Tales," The Prairie, chapters 1-2, 34
5. Poe: selected poems, tales, essays
6. Emerson: selected poems and essays
7. Thoreau: Walden
8. Hawthorne: selected romances
9. Longfellow, selected poems
10. Melville: Billy Budd, “Bartleby,” “Tartarus of Maids”
11. Frederick Douglass: from The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass
12. Whitman: selections from Leaves of Grass
13. Lincoln: selected prose and poetry
Requirements:

1. daily quizzes

2. class participation

3. two papers: one, an analytical study of 4-5 pages on an assigned topic; the other, an "extra-literary," cultural study on an approved topic to be presented to the class and turned in as an essay (length will vary according to topic)

4. a comprehensive final exam

5. curiosity and a sense of humor