

American Literature

Direction: Answer all four, with each answer counting 25%.

1. Identify and discuss literary texts that reveal stresses on Puritanism or that illustrate schisms within Puritan and colonial consciousness in 1620-1820.
2. Discuss changes in the concept of the individualism (the American self) in the early nineteenth century. Locate your discussion within specific works by Emerson, Thoreau, and Hawthorne.
3. Discuss the theory of American realism from Howells's "Novel-Writing and Novel-Reading" and James's "The Art of Fiction".
4. Analyze Sherwood Anderson's "The Egg", William Faulkner's "Barn Burning", or Ernest Hemingway's "The Snows of Kilimanjaro", paying attention to the writer's innovations in point of view or use of symbolism.