

ENG 395: American Literature II

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Course Credit: Three semester hours

Prerequisites: Eng 210

Required Texts:

The American Tradition in Literature. Volume II, Tenth Edition. McGraw-Hill.

Course Description:

Survey of American Literature from the American Renaissance to the present.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will understand the major themes of later American works within their historical and philosophical contexts.
2. Students will analyze texts from a variety of contemporary perspectives.
3. Students will understand the relevance of later American works to contemporary American and political debates.
4. Students will improve their writing and critical thinking.

Course Requirements:

Students will be required to write synopses of all assigned readings. Each synopsis should contain a single paragraph summary of the reading. Students will be required to write three essays, three or more pages in length during the course of the class in which they take a specific works. In these essays, the student should provide a clear thesis and be able to write an essay that maintains sufficient support of this thesis. Essays should be 12-point font size and double-spaced. Students will also be required to take a midterm and final exam.