

WRITING AMERICA

U.S. AMERICAN LITERATURE FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD TO MODERNISM

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A. PRIMARY TEXTS

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2) Paul Lauter, general editor. *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*. Sixth Edition, Vols. A,B,C,D,E. New York: Wadsworth Publishing/Cengage Learning, 2009/2010. <http://www.cengage.com/search/market.do?N=16> This anthology offers a selection of influential texts, including 'ethnic' and recently rediscovered writings.

You may also consult the following general collections of key texts:

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HISTORICAL OUTLINE OF IMPORTANT LITERARY TEXTS

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Anne Bradstreet, *Several Poems Compiled with Great Variety of Wit and Learning* (1678).

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John Cotton, "God's Promise to His Plantation" (1630); *The Bloody Tenent of Persecution, for Cause of Conscience, Discussed* (1644).

Jonathan Edwards, *Resolutions* (1822/23); *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God in the Conversion of Many Hundred Souls in Northampton* (1737), "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (1741).
John Eliot, *Primer or Catechism in the Massachusetts Indian Language* (1654).
Cotton Mather, *Wonders of the Invisible World* (1693); *The Biblia Americana* (1693-1728); *Magnalia Christi Americana* (1702).
Samson Occom, *Short Narrative of My Life* (1768).
Mary Rowlandson, *A Narrative of the Captivity and Restauration [sic] of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson* (1682).
Michael Wigglesworth, "The Day of Doom" (1662).
Roger Williams, *A Key into the Language of America* (1643).
John Winthrop, "A Modell [sic] of Christian Charity" (1630).

II. Revolutionary Writings, Romanticism, Gothic Fiction (1773-1820)

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Joel Barlow, *The Vision of Columbus* (1787).
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Hannah Foster, *The Coquette* (1797).
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Philip Freneau, "A Political Litany" (1775); "To Sir Toby" (1784); "The Indian Burying Ground" (1787).
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Tabitha Tenney, *Female Quixotism* (1801).
Royall Tyler, *The Contrast* (1787); *The Algerine Captive* (1797).
Phillis Wheatley, "On Being Brought from Africa to America" (1773); "To His Excellency General Washington" (1776).

III. Dark Romanticism, Transcendentalism, and Sentimental Fiction (1820-1865)

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Lydia Maria Child, *Hobomok* (1824).
William Wells Brown, *Clotel, or The President's Daughter* (1853).

James Fenimore Cooper, *The Spy, A Tale of the Neutral Ground* (1821); *The Pioneers* (1823); *The Last of the Mohicans* (1826); *The Prairie* (1827); *The Pathfinder* (1840); *The Deerslayer* (1841).

Susanna Maria Cummins, *The Lamplighter* (1854).

Emily Dickinson, *Poems* (written between 1861 and 1865).

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Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The American Scholar" (1837); "Nature" (1836); "Self-Reliance" (1841).

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Washington Irving, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (1819); "Rip Van Winkle" (1819); "The Adventures of the German Student" (1824).

Harriet Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* (1861).

Henry W. Longfellow, "A Psalm of Life" (1838); *Evangeline* (1847); *Song of Hiawatha* (1856); "Paul Revere's Ride" (1861).

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Susan Warner, *The Wide, Wide World* (1850).

Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass* (especially "Song of Myself") (1855/1892); "America" (1892).

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IV. Realism and Naturalism (1865-1925)

Henry Adams, *The Education of Henry Adams* (1918).

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Mary Antin, *The Promised Land* (1912).

Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward, 2000-1887* (1888).

Abraham Cahan, *Yekl. A Tale of the New York Ghetto* (1896); *The Rise of David Levinsky* (1917).

Willa Cather, *O Pioneers!* (1913).

Charles W. Chesnutt, *The Conjure Woman* (1899); *The House Behind the Cedars* (1900); *The Marrow of Tradition* (1901).

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