

English 2328.5172: Survey of American Literature II

English 2328

Dr. White

Credit Hours: 3 lecture hours

Prerequisites: English 1302

Catalog Description: Consists of reading and analyzing significant works of American literature from the late Nineteenth Century through the mid to late Twentieth Century. Requires research paper or several short analytical papers.

Textbook: George McMichael. *Anthology of American Literature Volume 2: Realism to the Present*, Latest ed.

Learning Outcomes:

After successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Recognize and analyze various works from American literature.
2. Write analytical papers on topics related to the readings.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the contemporary intellectual and social climate which prevailed during the period being studied.

During the second semester of American Literature we will examine selected literary artists and critics of the late nineteenth century and the twentieth century and their place in such broad movements as local colorism, literary realism and literary naturalism. We will include but not limit our examination to such prose artists as Twain, Freeman, Jewett, Crane, Howells, and Dreiser. In addition we will examine the poetry of artists such as Robinson, Frost, Eliot, Stevens, Cummings and others. Later twentieth-century artists such as Faulkner, Welty and O'Connor will be included. Our study will include one playwright, Eugene O'Neill.

Evaluation will be based upon the student's ability to identify and discuss in writing various characteristics of the literary movements and artists of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in America in matching, short answer and essay formats. There will be two tests and a comprehensive final examination. If the student's final exam grade is higher than his cumulative average, the final exam grade will become his course grade.

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