

Vocabulary

typology
consent of the governed
divine right of kings
the plain style
apocalypse

inner light
weaned affections
irony
transcendentalism
self-reliance

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divine right of kings
natural rights

Writing

In a sample of writing, be able to identify and correct the following problems:

nonparallel construction
comma splices, fused sentences, run-on sentences

sentence fragments
misplaced modifiers
passive voice

Concepts you should understand:

unity
coherence

theme
thesis

Ideas

What are the five main periods of American literature, and what sort of writing is typical of each?

Beginnings

Why were the Puritans called "Puritans"? How did they differ from separatists? Which were the Pilgrims?

How does Bradford typically interpret events in the story of the founding of Plymouth Plantation?

What does Winthrop mean by the "city on a hill," and why is it significant?
Excerpt from "A Model of Christian Charity"

How does Ann Bradstreet's poem, "Some Verses upon the Burning of Our House," illustrate the Puritan ideal of "weaned affections"? (p. 69)

How does Mary Rowlandson try to make sense of her experiences as a captive of King Philip?
Excerpt from Mary Rowlandson's Narrative

Relate Mary Rowlandson's story to typology.

Explain what a "jeremiad" is and how Mary Rowlandson's text is a good example of this form.

Be able to discuss justice, using *The Crucible* as your main source. List four elements of justice,

and explain what *The Crucible* can teach about each.

What elements of Puritan society are shown in an unfavorable light in *The Crucible*?

The Age of Reason (The Enlightenment)

Contrast "classical" art with "romantic" art.

Explain what natural rights philosophy is. What phrase from the Declaration of Independence expresses this philosophy?

Explain the relationship between covenant theology and consent of the governed?

Much of the American Revolution can be understood as a shift from a belief in the divine right of kings to a belief in the consent of the governed. Explain.

Explain in what ways Benjamin Franklin was similar to the Puritans from who he was descended. *Excerpt from Benjamin Franklin's Biography*

Explain in what ways Benjamin Franklin differed from the Puritans.

Romanticism

List at least four features of American Romanticism.

Explain Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's relationship to nationalism, and give at least one example from his poetry.

What makes Longfellow a Romantic poet?

What is the theme of Walt Whitman's *Song of Myself* (keep in mind that most of the time he is describing other people)?

What makes Whitman a Romantic poet?

What was Frederick Douglass' main theme?

A speech by Frederick Douglass

Explain the relationship between literacy and freedom as it is discussed in Frederick Douglass' story.

What principles does Frederick Douglass live by in his quest for freedom?

Discuss the Transcendentalist's view of the authority of the past.

What did Emerson mean by "self-reliance"?

What does "individualism" mean to Thoreau?

Explain Thoreau's view of ideal government.