

American Literature I Course Orientation

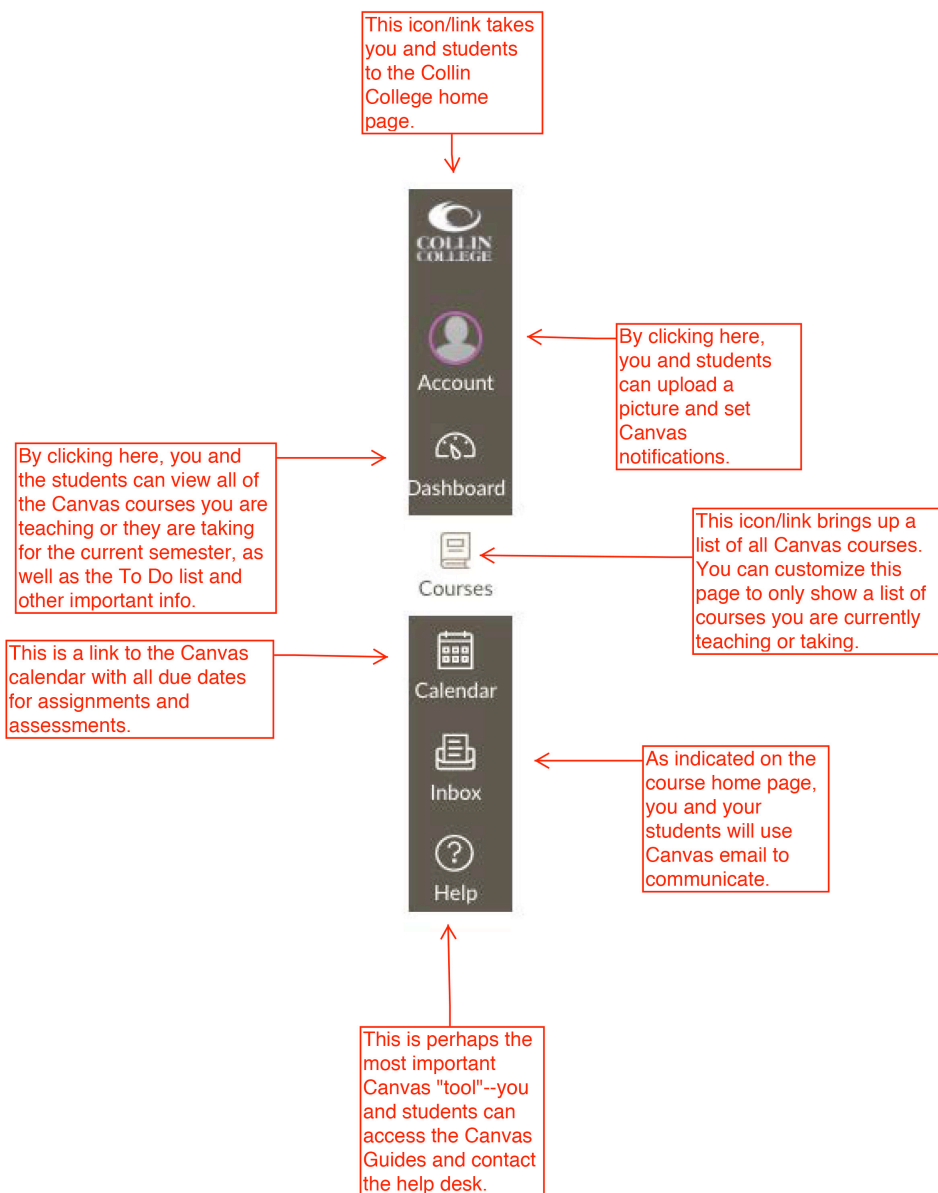
Welcome to Online American Literature !! We will study major writers from the indigenous people and the early explorers through the era of Puritanism, the nationalistic period, the Transcendental movement, and early Romanticism. We will also analyze and evaluate these works in their historical, cultural, and social context as well as their contributions to the growth of American culture.

Course Notes

1. Start to organize yourself early.
2. If you do print any course documents, be sure to regularly check the online versions, as dates, and so on might change.
3. In fact, log in to Canvas AND CougarMail at least three times per week, if not daily--any less can be risky, as you may know about course updates too late.
4. Course announcements will be posted by way of Canvas "Announcements" and/or through the Canvas Inbox.
5. Online courses require good reading comprehension skills. If you have difficulty understanding what you read, I do not recommend this course. You must have the reading comprehension level necessary to read and understand the assigned works and lecture notes. You must have the self-discipline to follow instructions and submit work on time; otherwise, you will become increasingly frustrated with this course. And if you think the amount of time you will spend on this class is the same as a traditional course, you are wrong. Because there are no face-to-face meetings, and thus no teacher to explain assignments and readings, you will need to spend "extra" time preparing and completing assignments.
6. In short, this course is reading- and writing-intensive; you should easily spend at least ten-twelve hours per week on course work.
7. This course is also fast-paced; do not get behind. Because this course is online, you will need to carefully review all of the material, so plan AND work ahead.
8. Please note that *this course is for serious students who have work hours or other responsibilities that prevent them from attending an on-site class every week. This is not "the easy way out," as you will soon learn.*

Course Navigation

The following screenshot of the standard Canvas menu, which appears on every page within Canvas, was designed for instructors, but the exact information applies to you, as well: (next page)



Completing Course Assignments

Every week you should,

1. Review due dates on the Assignments Schedule/Calendar.
2. Read the appropriate material from the online textbook.
3. Answer the discussion questions (located in the textbook) in Canvas.
4. Complete the Chapter assignment (usually an Issues Question), and submit it in Canvas.

5. Begin working on the next unit.

Technical Support

For assistance, contact the [eCollin Support Center](#)

Please be aware that the instructor cannot serve as a technical consultant for problems with your computer or Internet connection. If the problem is connected to Canvas, click on the link above. Should your computer or Internet fail, it is your responsibility to acquire access to another during the duration of the course. **It also your responsibility to ensure that emails are delivered, assignments are in Canvas, so forth.**

I look forward to working with you this semester, and I hope you find the course challenging and interesting!
Dr. Martin