COURSE SYLLABUS COLLIN COLLEGE

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number: ENGL 2327.WS2

Course Title: American Literature I: Colonial Period to the Civil War

Course Description: A survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement through the Civil War. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character.

Course Credit Hours: 3   **Lecture Hours:** 3

Prerequisite: ENGL 1302

Student Learning Outcomes:

- **State-mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

  1. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
  2. Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods. (Social Responsibility)
  3. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.
  4. Articulate the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
  5. Write research-based critical papers about the assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose, using various critical approaches to literature. (Critical Thinking and Communication Skills)

- **Additional Collin Outcome:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:

  1. Demonstrate personal responsibility through the ethical use of intellectual property. (Personal Responsibility)

Important Dates: Census date: Sept. 11th; Withdraw date: October 20th

- o Labor Day: Sept. 4th
- o Thanksgiving: W-F, 11/22-11/24
- o Final Exams: 12/11-12/17
- o Grades due: 12/18

College Repeat Policy: Beginning fall 2016, Texas residents attempting a course more than twice at Collin College are subject to regular tuition plus an additional $50 per semester credit hour.

Plagiarism: See the current *Collin Student Handbook.* As your instructor, I am asked to report suspected cases of plagiarism, collusion, and/or any scholastic dishonesty to the Dean of Students at Collin College. I will withhold a grade until your case is reviewed. All plagiarized assignments will receive a grade of a 0, and the student can possibly fail the course.

Religious Holy Days: Refer to the *Collin Student Handbook*.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor's Name: Kelly Martin, Ph.D.

Office Number: B-105 at Spring Creek Campus (inside B-104 suite)

Office Hours: Online only, M-TH 10:00-2:00; available to meet most any weekday for synchronous online appointments. Email to arrange date/time.

Phone Number: 972-516-5050 (email instead of leaving voicemail)

Email: kmartin@collin.edu [Preferred method of contact is through Canvas email]
Emails will USUALLY be addressed within 24 hrs. (except on weekends)

Minimum Technology Requirements: Familiarity with Microsoft Word and ability to perform basic Internet research; Internet-connected computer with appropriate hardware and software for listening to audio files and viewing online videos.

Class Etiquette & Discussion Board Participation Requirements:
http://www.professormartin.net/Collin/onlinediscuss.htm

Supplies: Microsoft Word (all assignments must be submitted as Word documents, and some assignments require the use of tools only available via Word).

Attendance Policy: No late assignments are accepted. Technological difficulties are not excuses for late work, which is why you should not wait until the last minute to start and/or submit an assignment.

Meeting Times: Online—optional synchronous meetings, held throughout the semester, using the online, free platform, Zoom. Refer to the information in Canvas and on the Assignments Schedule/Calendar (also in Canvas.)

Required Textbook:

All course readings will be available in the <mark>eBook</mark> (through TopHat.com); you have three options for purchasing the eBook subscription: (ISBN: 978-1-988365-31-2)

1) In person through the College bookstore at the Spring Creek Campus
2) Online through the College bookstore
3) Through the publisher's site (cannot use financial aid for this option)

If you do <u>not</u> have to use financial aid, option #3 is easier and possibly even cheaper.

Once you setup a TopHat account, you will also need (in addition to the purchased code) the following CLASS/COURSE ID#:

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Method of Evaluation:

Out of 1000 points:

- 9 unit writing assignments worth 75 points each=<u>675 points</u>
- Final Exam=<u>175 points </u>(there will be extra credit available on the final exam; however, if you do not answer ALL of the "regular" questions on the final, you will not receive any credit for the extra-credit work)
- 9 Discussion Board Postings=<u>150 points</u> (refer to Assignments Schedule, linked from Canvas, for info. about discussion board posts).

***There will also be extra-credit opportunities, in addition to those on the final exam, throughout the semester.

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1000-900 points=A
899-800 points=B
799-700=C
699-600=D
599 and below=F
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All assignments should be graded within a week (or less) of submission.

Extra Information:

- TopHat:

  o You will make two (TopHat) purchases:

- 1) The content of the eBook (price TBD)
- 2) An additional purchase for the platform that hosts the eBook ($26)

- All assignments are usually graded within a week (or less) of submission.

- The dates on the Calendar/Assignments Schedule are subject to change; students will be notified via Canvas.