ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Reading List for Field Examination in
American Literature before 1820
Updated January 2014

Bradford, William
   Of Plymouth Plantation

Bradstreet, Anne
   The Tenth Muse
   Later works included in The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Vol. A,
   8th ed. (henceforth listed as Norton)

Brackenridge, Hugh Henry
   Modern Chivalry (1815 edition)

Brown, Charles Brockden
   Wieland
   Edgar Huntly

Brown, William Hill
   The Power of Sympathy

Byrd, William
   A Secret History of the Dividing Line
   Secret Diary (excerpts in Norton)

Cabeza de Vaca, Álvar Núñez
   The Relation of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca (excerpts in Norton)

Columbus, Christopher
   Letters in Norton

Crévecoeur, J. Hector St. John de
   Letters from an American Farmer

De las Casa, Bartolomé
   The Very Brief Relation of the Devastation of the Indies (excerpts in Norton)

De Champlain, Samuel
   The Voyages of Sieur de Champlain (excerpts in Norton)

Edwards, Jonathan
   Selections in Norton
Equiano, Olaudah
   *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Or Gustavus Vassa, The African, Written by Himself*

*The Federalist* Nos. 1 and 10

Foster, Hannah Webster
   *The Coquette*

Franklin, Benjamin
   *The Autobiography*
   "Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America"

Freneau, Philip
   Poems in *Norton*

Harriot, Thomas
   *A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia*

Heckewelder, John
   Delaware Legend of Hudson’s Arrival, excerpt from *History, Manners, and Customs of the Indian Nations* in *Norton*

Irving, Washington
   *History of New York* (1809 ed.)
   *The Sketch-book*

Jefferson, Thomas
   *Notes on the State of Virginia*
   Excerpts from *The Autobiography* in *Norton*

Knight, Sarah Kemble
   *Private Journal of a Journey from Boston to New York*

Ligon, Richard
   Excerpts from *A True and Exact History of the Islands of Barbadoes*
   (In Castillo and Schweitzer, eds., *The Literatures of Colonial America*)

Marrant, John
   *A Narrative of the Lord's Wonderful Dealings with John Marrant, a black*
   (In Vincent Carreta, ed., *Unchained Voices: An Anthology of Black Authors in the English-Speaking World of the Eighteenth Century*)
Mather, Cotton  
*Wonders of the Invisible World*  
Selections from *Magnalia Christi Americana* (in Norton)

Morton, Thomas  
*New English Canaan*

Murray, Judith Sargent  
“On the Equality of the Sexes”

Occom, Samson  
*A Short Narrative of My Life*  
*A Sermon, Preached at the Execution of Moses Paul, An Indian*  
(Both in Brooks, ed. *The Collected Writings of Samson Occom, Mohegan*)

Paine, Thomas  
*Common Sense*

Pontiac  
Speech at Detroit in Norton

Red Jacket (Sagoyewatha)  
Reply to the Missionary Jacob Cram in Norton

Rowlandson, Mary  
*A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson*

Rowson, Susanna  
*Charlotte Temple*

Smith, John  
*The Generall Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles*

Stockton, Annis Boudinot  
Selections in Norton

Taylor, Edward  
Selections in Norton

Tecumseh  
Speech to the Osages in Norton

Tyler, Royall  
“The Contrast”  
*Algerine Captive*
Wheatley, Phillis
   Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral

Wigglesworth, Michael
   Day of Doom

Williams, Roger
   A Key into the Language of America
   The Bloody Tenet of Persecution

Winthrop, John
   "A Model of Christian Charity"
   Journal (abridged edition)

Woolman, John
   The Journal of John Woolman
CRITICAL WORKS

Bercovitch, Sacvan
   Puritan Origins of the American Self

Bercovitch, Sacvan, gen. ed.
   The Cambridge History of American Literature, Vol. 1 1590-1820
   (omit chapter on Cooper)

Davidson, Cathy
   Revolution and the Word

Fliegelman, Jay
   Prodigals and Pilgrims

Miller, Perry
   "Errand into the Wilderness," “Rhetoric of Sensation,” and "From Edwards to Emerson" in Errand into the Wilderness

Warner, Michael
   Letters of the Republic