

Summer Project for HONORS AMERICAN LITERATURE

The first step (after choosing an author from the below list) will be to choose at least one piece of literature by that author to read. The second step will be to write a four-page research paper on the author. Your paper must include:

- a.) a brief introductory paragraph
- b.) one-page on the time period of that author
(ie- Transcendentalism, Modernism, etc.)
- c.) one-page on the author's life and notable contributions to literature
- d.) two-pages on the work that you read by the author

This paper is due the first day upon returning to class for your sophomore year. The grade for the initial product will be one of pass/fail, but it is important that you put effort into it because your second semester research paper will involve the same author. With that in mind, make certain to record all bibliographical information for your research. For the summer project, do not use encyclopedias or Internet websites. You must have at least four sources, including the primary source by your author. Cite all research using parenthetical citations according to MLA parameters.

You can contact Mr. Patterson with questions at joepa001@yahoo.com.

You must choose your author from the following list:

TRANSCENDENTALISM

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Henry David Thoreau
Walt Whitman

GOTHIC LITERATURE

Nathaniel Hawthorne
Edgar Allan Poe

SLAVERY

Frederick Douglass

REALISM

Mark Twain

WOMEN'S LITERATURE

Emily Dickinson

HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Langston Hughes

MODERNISM

T. S. Eliot
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Robert Frost
Ernest Hemingway