

AMERICAN LITERATURE

100%--Write on *four* of the questions below. Begin each response with an introduction in which you state your general answer to the question; then support that answer with a detailed discussion of at least two literary texts. Be sure to include titles, author's names, dates, periods, styles, characters, etc. wherever appropriate.

Each response will count for 25% of the exam score.

1. What do you feel are the most important characteristics of American Puritan literature?
2. Who do you feel are the two most important American realist novelists? Why?
3. Who do you feel are the two most important American romantic poets? Why?
4. How does postmodernism differ from modernism? Choose one American postmodernist and one American modernist to use as examples.
5. What do you feel makes American literature unique among the world's literatures?