**American Literature**

**Semester 1 Study Guide**

Works Read:

* *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
* *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
* The Virginia Convention Speech (“Give me liberty, or give me death!”) by Patrick Henry
* “Sinners at the hands of an angry God” by Jonathan Edwards
* “Ain’t I a Woman?” by Sojourner Truth
* “I will fight no more” By Chief Joseph
* “What to the slave is the Fourth of July?” by Fredrick Douglass
* “The War Prayer” by Mark Twain
* “The Birthmark” by Nathaniel Hawthorne
* “The Masque of Red Death” by E. A. Poe
* “The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin
* “A White Heron” by Sarah, Orne Jewett
* “To Build a Fire” by Jack London
* “War is Kind” by Stephen Crane
* “Richard Cory” by Edwin Arlington Robinson

Materials to study:

* Quizzes
* In class and homework writings
* Annotations
* Handouts
  + Poetic/Literary Devices
* Notes taken in class
  + Puritanism
  + Romanticism/Gothic Romanticism
  + Transcendentalism
  + Revolutionary/Rhetoric
  + Realism/Naturalism
  + Modernism

Skills being tested:

* Identifying Poetic and Literary Devices (in and out of context)
* Reading Comprehension
* Recall of story/poem details
* Identifying tenets and major ideas of literary works and movements
* Quote Identification
* MLA/essay format knowledge