

Spokane Falls Community College
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Prefix and Course Number: ENGL 248
Course Title: American Literature to 1865
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Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the relationship between American literature from the earliest oral traditions through the Civil War and the various contexts in which it was created, such as political, social, religious, and artistic.
2. Describe the history and development of American literature from its earliest known examples through the Civil War in its varied cultural, ethnic, and social contexts.
3. Identify characteristics associated with genres, movements, and periods of literary history relevant to American literature from its origins through the Civil War, such as Puritanism, Sentimentalism, Captivity Narratives, Conversion Narratives, Slave Narratives, Sermon Structure, Dark Romanticism, and Transcendentalism, and articulate ways in which specific texts reflect and are illuminated by these characteristics.
4. Articulate ways in which writers up through the Civil War have responded to, adapted, and rebelled against their predecessors in developing new forms of literary expression.
5. Articulate some critical understanding of pre-1865 American literary works, appropriately using textual evidence as support.