



HISTORY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE EXAM

1. Name three most important American writers of the colonial period.
2. Characterise briefly the Puritan literature in America.
3. Characterise American romanticism and name key three authors.
4. Describe the character of Captain Ahab.
5. Characterise, briefly, the main heroine of *The Scarlet Letter*.
6. Explain the term Harlem Renaissance.
7. Match authors and their works

Nathaniel Hawthorne	Tropic of Cancer
Herman Melville	The Raven
Edgar Allan Poe	Bartleby the Scrivener
Arthur Miller	The House of Seven Gables
Henry Miller	Death of a Salesman
8. Name five most important novelists of the 19th century.
9. Name five American playwrights.
10. Characterise the Gilded Age and name authors who wrote about it.
11. Characterise the poetry of Walt Whitman.
12. Name three major writers between the wars and their works.
13. Describe the character of Newland Archer.
14. Characterise the work of Edgar Allan Poe and name at least two of his major works.
15. Characterise the work of Eugen O'Neill and name two of his major works.
16. Name three American modernist poets and their work.
17. Briefly describe the work of Henry Miller and outline main themes of his writing.
18. Name five American fiction writers between 1950 and 2000.
19. Characterise Southern Gothic.
20. Briefly characterise American postmodernism and name three of its most important representatives.

You get 5 points for each question. The total is 100 points, with 60 points as the pass mark.