

UNIT 1

Origins of the American Traditions to 1800

I. List and explain 7 ways literature improve people:

1. Helps you understand what shapes your thoughts and beliefs
2. Allows a little bit of genius to rub off on you
3. Helps you escape from the narrow box of specialization
4. Helps you improve your ability to comprehend
5. Helps you become truly human
6. Helps you find your own answers to life's big questions
7. Helps you develop a spirit of inquiry

II. Master the following terms:

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| 1. Literature | 14. Colonial Literature Movement Characteristics* |
| 2. American Literature | 15. Nonfiction Accounts |
| 4. Native American Literature Movement Characteristics* | 16. Point of View |
| 5. Oral literature | 17. Analogy |
| 6. Elements of oral literature/traditions | 18. Revolutionary Age Literature Movement Characteristics* |
| 7. Motif | 19. An Almanac |
| 8. Cultural Relativism | 20. Neoclassism |
| 9. Chronological Order | 21. Rhetorical question |
| 10. Origin Myth | 22. The Enlightenment |
| 11. Repetition | 23. Thesis |
| 12. Concrete Language | 24. Parallelism |
| 13. An Abridgment | |

* Compare and contrast them

III. Unit Selections

1. Students should have read and understood all the selections assigned in this unit and be able to make critical interpretations of each and every one of them. (pgs. 1-69)
2. Students should be familiarized enough with all the vocabulary words of the current unit as to be able to recognize them on sight and be able to use them in a variety of ways.

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