

Course Description: ENGL 4373

This course conducts a focused study of African American literary movements such as the Harlem Renaissance, Black Arts Movement, and Black Feminist Movement and their impact on social and environmental justice initiatives. Students will explore how African American writers carefully select language in conversations surrounding economic, intellectual, and environmental racism. The literary texts assigned to this course highlight the importance of clean air, food, and water and the lack thereof in African American communities.

Students will engage in ethical reading, research, and writing processes to explore the interconnections between the rhetoric in African American literature and environmental policies.