

AMERICAN LIT TO 1865



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At the 250th anniversary of American independence, the nature of American identity as well as the goals of the American national experiment remain contested. These contested ideas about freedom, citizenship, rights, economic opportunity, and shared values often refer back to the moment of the nation's founding.

This course explores the literature of that moment, from the European colonization of the New World through the Civil War. We will examine imaginative literature, activist arguments, and other cultural artifacts to understand the history and legacy of colonization, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, slavery, expansionism, the abolitionist movement, and the Civil War.