

American Literature for Christian Discernment

Literature conveys irrefutable condensed experience from generation to generation. Thus it becomes the living memory of a nation.

- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

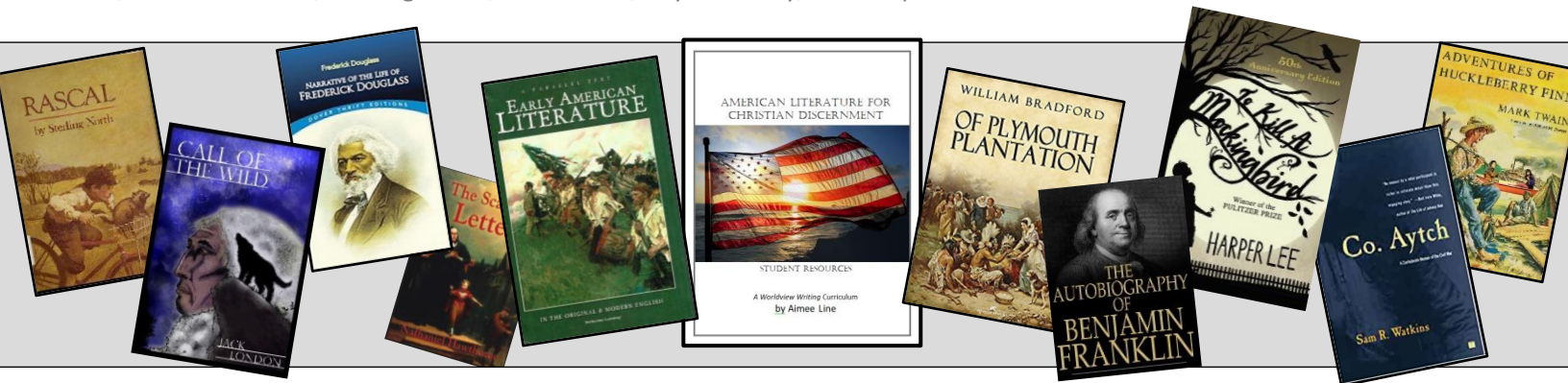
This *Worldview English* course in great American literature trains high school students to:

- Study our nation's primary-source speeches, letters, and documents to counter today's revisionist claim that America's founding on Christian principles is a myth.
- Apprehend the rhetorical devices our Founding Fathers employed to empower their own writing and recognize modern media's use of rhetorical manipulation.
- Recognize dangerous philosophies in pop culture by analyzing our nation's literary decline from Christian theism to postmodern relativism.
- Guard the heart (Proverbs 4:23). Ultimately each student must confront the same questions America has faced as a nation: *Are the scriptures the inherent word of God? What happens to those who separate from godly principles?*

Our nation's literary record reveals the truth: compromising Godly standards reduces rather than amplifies personal freedom.

Mrs. Line, a degreed English teacher and curriculum writer evaluates and provides feedback on each essay assignment, tracks assignments, and provides private online access to student scores.

Works Covered: This class covers over 50 classic American selections including documents, speeches, poetry, novels, songs, and short stories by famous Americans including (but not limited to) William Bradford, Anne Bradstreet, John Adams, Thomas Paine, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Olaudah Equiano, Patrick Henry, Frederick Douglas, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thorough, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Samuel Watkins, Sterling North, Ezra Pound, Ray Bradbury, and Harper Lee.



Plan Ahead: Worldview courses rotate on a 3-year cycle

2022-2023 American Literature for Christian Discernment

2023-2024 European Literature for Christian Discernment

2024-2025 The Bible and Ancient Texts

2 Ways to Participate for 1 credit in high school English:

Honors Writing - keep college-level essay and documentation skills sharp (Fundamentals of Writing is pre-requisite)

Literature Focus - read and participate with short responses and artistic interpretations