

SCOP: American Literature

Author	Works	Details
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Colonial

Anne (Dudley) Bradstreet	The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America (poetry collection)	(Poetry) Includes: "To My Dear and Loving Husband," "Verses Upon the Burning of My House"
Jonathan Edwards	Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God	(Sermons: The Great Awakening)
Phillis Wheatley	Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral	(Poetry) Includes: "To His Excellency, George Washington," "On Being Brought from Africa to America"

Early 1800s

Washington Irving *Diedrich Knickerbocker *Geoffrey Crayon	The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon (A); Tales of the Alhambra	(A) includes "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "Rip Van Winkle"
William Cullen Bryant	Thanatopsis; To a Waterfowl	(Poetry)
James Fenimore Cooper	Leatherstocking Tales, including The Last of the Mohicans	Protagonist: Natty Bumppo, AKA Deerslayer, Hawkeye, Pathfinder, Leatherstocking
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	The Song of Hiawatha; "Paul Revere's Ride"; "Evangeline"	(Poetry: Cambridge Poets)
Ralph Waldo Emerson	"Self-Reliance;" "The Over-Soul"	(Transcendentalism)
Henry David Thoreau	Walden	(Transcendentalism)
Nathaniel Hawthorne	Twice-Told Tales (A); The Scarlet Letter (B); The House of the Seven Gables; "Young Goodman Brown"	(A) includes "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment," "The Minister's Black Veil" (B): Hester Prynne, Arthur Dimmesdale, Roger Chillingworth, Pearl
Herman Melville	Moby-Dick (A); Billy Budd; "Bartleby the Scrivener"	(A): Captain Ahab, Ishmael, Queequeg, Starbuck, the Pequod (ship)
Walt Whitman	Leaves of Grass	Literally his only work. Includes "Song of Myself;" "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd;" "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry"

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Late 1800s

Louisa May Alcott	Little Women	
Harriet Beecher Stowe	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Uncle Tom, Eva, Mr. St Clare, Simon Legree, Topsy, The Shelby family,
Kate Chopin	The Awakening (A); "Desiree's Baby;" "The Story of an Hour"	Louisiana/American South (A): Edna Pontellier, Adele Ratignolle, Robert Lebrun
Bret Harte	"The Luck of Roaring Camp;" "The Outcasts of Poker Flat"	Wrote about American West
Emily Dickinson	"Because I could not stop for death;" "I heard a fly buzz when I died"	
Mark Twain *Samuel Clemens	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (A); The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (B); "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County;" "The Man that Corrupted Haddleyburg;" A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	(A): Tom, Huck Finn, Aunt Polly, Becky Thatcher, Judge Thatcher, The Widow Douglas (B): Huck, Tom, Jim, Pap, the duke and the dauphin, Widow Douglas, Miss Watson
Stephen Crane	The Red Badge of Courage (A); Maggie, a Girl of the Streets (B); "The Open Boat"	(A): Henry Fleming, Jim Conklin (B): Maggie, Jimmie, Pete, the Bowery
Ambrose Bierce	"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge;" The Devil's Dictionary	
Jack London	Call of the Wild; White Fang; The Sea Wolf	
Upton Sinclair	The Jungle	(Muckrakers)
Theodore Dreiser	An American Tragedy; Sister Carrie	
Henry James	The Turn of the Screw (A); The Portrait of a Lady; Daisy Miller; The Ambassadors; Washington Square	(A): Governess (unnamed), Miles and Flora, Mrs. Grose  *Listed as both British and American in these sheets, as he was born in America, but spent most of his later life in England.
W.E.B. Du Bois	The Souls of Black Folk	

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Twentieth Century

Edith Wharton	Ethan Frome; The Age of Innocence; The House of Mirth	
Willa Cather	My Antonia; O Pioneers!	
Sherwood Anderson	Winesburg, Ohio	Includes the chapter/short story "Hands"
Sinclair Lewis	Mainstreet; Babbitt; It Can't Happen Here	
Ernest Hemingway	The Old Man and the Sea (A); A Farewell to Arms (B); The Sun Also Rises (C); For Whom the Bell Tolls; In Our Time (short stories)	Many short stories include the character Nick Adams (A): Santiago, Manolin (B): Frederic Henry, Catherine Barkley (C): Jake Barnes, Lady Brett Ashley, Robert Cohn
F. Scott Fitzgerald	The Great Gatsby (A); The Beautiful and the Damned; "The Diamond as Big as the Ritz;" "Bernice Bobs Her Hair"	(A): Jay Gatsby (James Gatz), Nick Carraway, Daisy and Tom Buchanan
Stephen Benet	John Brown's Body; The Devil and Daniel Webster	
John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath (A); East of Eden; Of Mice and Men	(A): Joad Family, Rose of Sharon, Connie
William Faulkner	The Sound and the Fury (A); As I Lay Dying (B); Absalom, Absalom!; "A Rose for Emily"	Placed works in fictional Yoknapatawpha County, Mississippi (A): Compson Family, including Quentin, Benjy, and Caddy (B): Bundren Family, including Addie, Anse, Darl, Jewel, Cash, Dewey
E. E. Cummings *e.e. cummings	"anyone lived in a pretty how town"	
Norman Mailer	The Executioner's Song; The Naked and the Dead	
Joseph Heller	Catch-22	Includes Yossarian, Milo Minderbinder, Nately, Major Major Major Major
O. Henry	"The Gift of the Magi" (A); "The Ransom of Red Chief"	(A): Jim and Della Young
Edwin Arlington Robinson	Richard Cory, Miniver Cheevy	
Robert Frost	"The Road Not Taken;" "Mending Wall;" "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening;" "The Death of the Hired Man;" "Fire and Ice"	
William Carlos Williams	"The Red Wheelbarrow;" "This is Just to Say"	

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James Baldwin	Go Tell it on the Mountain	
Lorraine Hansberry	A Raisin in the Sun	
Langston Hughes	“The Negro Speaks of Rivers;” “Montage of a Dream Deferred;” “Harlem”	
Richard Wright	Native Son; Black Boy	
Ralph Ellison	Invisible Man, Juneteenth	
Truman Capote	Breakfast at Tiffany’s; In Cold Blood	
Flannery O’Connor	“A Good Man is Hard to Find;” “The Life You Save May be Your Own”	
Edgar Lee Masters	Spoon River Anthology	
Jack Kerouac	On the Road	(The Beat)
Allen Ginsberg	“Howl;” “A Supermarket in California”	(The Beat)
William S. Burroughs	Naked Lunch; Junky	(The Beat)
Harper Lee	To Kill a Mockingbird	Atticus Finch, Scout, Jem, Arthur “Boo” Radley
Eugene O’Neill	Long Day’s Journey into Night (A); The Iceman Cometh (B); Mourning Becomes Electra	(A): Tyrone Family (B): Theodore “Hickey” Hickman, Harry Hope, Larry Slade, Don Parritt
Tennessee Williams	A Streetcar Named Desire (A); Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (B); Night of the Iguana	(A): Blanche DuBois, Stella and Stanley Kowalski (B): Maggie and Brick, Mae and Gooper, Big Mama and Big Daddy
Thornton Wilder	Our Town, The Skin of Our Teeth, The Bridge of San Louis Ray	
Shirley Jackson	“The Lottery”	
Vladimir Nabokov	Lolita	Dolores Haze, Humbert Humbert
Pearl S. Buck	The Good Earth trilogy: The Good Earth, Sons, A House Divided	
Carson McCullers	The Heart is a Lonely Hunter; The Ballad of the Sad Cafe	
Katherine Anne Porter	Pale Horse, Pale Rider	
Ayn Rand	The Fountainhead; Atlas Shrugged	

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Gertrude Stein	The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas	
Zora Neale Hurston	Their Eyes Were Watching God	
Wallace Stevens	“Sunday Morning;” “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird;” “The Emperor of Ice-Cream;” “Disillusionment of Ten O’Clock”	
Sylvia Plath	The Bell Jar	
Thomas Pynchon	Gravity’s Rainbow	

Late 20<sup>th</sup>-Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century

J.D. Salinger	The Catcher in the Rye	
Kurt Vonnegut	Slaughterhouse-Five; Breakfast of Champions; Cat’s Cradle; The Sirens of Titan	
John Updike	The Rabbit series	Best known novel is Rabbit, Run
Saul Bellow	Humboldt’s Gift; Herzog; The Adventures of Augie March; Henderson the Rain King	
Eudora Welty	The Optimist’s Daughter; “Why I Live at the P.O.”	
Arthur Miller	Death of a Salesman (A); The Crucible (B)	(A): Willy Loman, Biff and Happy (B): John Proctor, Abigail Williams, Giles Corey
John Knowles	A Separate Peace	

Current

Alice Walker	The Color Purple	
Toni Morrison	Beloved; Song of Solomon; Tar Baby; The Bluest Eye	
Maya Angelou	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings; “On the Pulse of Morning”	
Edward Albee	Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf; The Zoo Story	
Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451; The Martian Chronicles; Dandelion Wine	