



Mark Twain

ADVENTURES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE!

Objective: To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the richness of America's literary heritage.

For Whom: Grades 8-12 **HS English or American Literature Credit*

Content: We will read and study three American novels in depth and also study timelines, letters, songs, short stories, poetry, and the study of the following writers and their works:

Semester One: Bradshaw, Edwards, Hawthorne, Paine, Jefferson, Franklin, Cooper, Irving, Poe, Emerson, Thoreau, Bryant, Longfellow, Melville, & Whitman
Semester Two: Twain, Stowe, Hart, Sandburg, Cather, Frost, Crane, Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Faulkner, & Steinbeck

A comprehensive syllabus w/study guides is included in the tuition for each semester. Semester one generally covers American literature up until the Civil War and semester two covers American literature from the Civil War to the present.

Costs: \$200 per semester

By Whom: Karen S. Kiser. B.S. Secondary Education (20+ years experience)

This American Literature class fulfills the Michigan graduation requirement for American Literature, English, or may serve as an elective. We will study the life and times of the authors and the significance of their works, discussing such literary techniques as irony, symbolism, hyperbole, mood, tone, theme, and others. We will also stress the importance literature played in forming our American values. I intend this class to prepare students well for college as well as providing them with the rich moral values that are gradually being lost in current American high school education.