

Answer all the following questions in English.

I. Choose six of the following writers and write an introduction to each one. You must discuss at least one representative work of each writer in your introduction. 60%

Alice Walker

Ralph Ellison

Saul Bellow

Eugene O'Neil

E. E. Cummings

Willa Cather

Edith Wharton

Jonathan Edwards

Sinclair Lewis

John Steinbeck

Emily Dickinson

II. Literary Realism dominated American prose fiction from 1865 to at least 1900. Naturalism also started to flourish in America during the last decade of the nineteenth century. Compare and contrast American Realism and Naturalism. Use representative writers and works to support your discussion. 20%

III. Anne Bradstreet and Edward Taylor both wrote poetry in colonial America. Please discuss the characteristics of their poems respectively and then compare how Puritanism manifested itself differently in their poems. Draw upon specific examples to illustrate your arguments. 20%

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