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Winnebago	"Felix White Sr.'s Introduction to Wakjankaga" (transcribed and translated by Kathleen Danker and Felix White), from "The Winnebago Trickster Cycle" (edited by Paul Radin)
Iroquois	"The Iroquois Creation Story"
Navajo	"Changing Woman and the Hero Twins after the Emergence of the People"
Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)	"Letter to Luis Santangel Regarding the First Voyage" (1493)
Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca (1488-1557)	La Relación / The Account (1542)
Bartolomé de las Casas (1474-1566)	The Very Brief Relation of the Devastation of the Indies (1552); extracts
Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592)	"Of Cannibals" (1580)
Thomas Harriot (1560-1621)	"A Brief Report of the New Found Land of Virginia" (1588)
John Smith (1580-1632)	General History of Virginia, New England and the Summer Isles (1624); extracts
John Winthrop (1588-1649)	A Model of Christian Charity (1630)
William Bradford (1590-1657)	Of Plymouth Plantation (1630-50); extracts
Roger Williams (1603-1683)	From "A Key into the Language of America" (1643)
Anne Bradstreet (c.1612-1672)	Selected poems, among them "The Author to Her Book" (1678), "To My Dear and Loving Husband" (1678)
Mary Rowlandson (c. 1636-1711)	A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson (1682)
Edward Taylor (c.1642-1729)	Selected poems, among them "Meditation 8 (First Series)" (1684), "Huswifery" (undated; publ. 1939)
Robert Calef (1648-1719)	More Wonders of the Invisible World (1700); extracts
Cotton Mather (1663-1728)	The Wonders of the Invisible World (1693) and Magnalia Christi Americana (1702); extracts
Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)	"Personal Narrative" [Spiritual Autobiography] (1740), "Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God" (1741)

COLONIAL PERIOD / 15th through 18th CENTURY

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)	The Autobiography (1771-1790); "The Way to Wealth" (1757)
Edmund Burke (1730-1797)	A Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime and the Beautiful (1757)
Samson Occom (1723-1792)	From "A Short Narrative of My Life" (1768)
Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)	"On Being Brought from Africa to America" (1773), "To the University of Cambridge, in New England" (1773), "On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield, 1770" (1773)
Thomas Jefferson (1734-1826) et al.	"The Declaration of Independence" (1776)
Thomas Paine (1737-1809)	Common Sense (1776)
Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur (1735- 1813)	<i>Letters from an American Farmer</i> (1782); among them Letter III ("What is an American?"), Letter IX, Letter XII
Thomas Jefferson (1734-1826)	Notes on the State of Virginia; esp. Query XIX (1787), "First Inaugural Address" (1801)
Philip Freneau (1752-1832)	Selected poems, among them "On the Emigration to America and Peopling the Western Country" (1785), "Indian Burying Ground" (1788)
James Madison (1751-1836)	"Federalist No.10" (1788)
Gustavus Vassa (1745-1797)	The Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African, Written by Himself (1789)
Judith Sargent Murray (1751-1820)	On the Equality of the Sexes (1790)
Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804)	"On Manufactures" (1791)
Susanna Rowson (1762-1824)	Charlotte Temple (1791)
Joel Barlow (1754-1812)	"The Hasty Pudding" (1793/1812)
Royall Tyler (1757-1826)	The Algerine Captive (1797)
Hannah Webster Foster (1758-1840)	The Coquette (1797)
Charles Brockden Brown (1771-1810)	Wieland (1798), Edgar Huntly (1799)

REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD AND EARLY REPUBLIC / 18th CENTURY

19th CENTURY I

Tabitha Tenney (1762-1837)	Female Quixotism (1801)
William C. Bryant (1794-1878)	Selected poems, among them "Thanatopsis" (1814), "To a Waterfowl" (1815), "The Prairies" (1833)
Washington Irving (1783-1859)	"Rip Van Winkle" (1819), "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (1820)
James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851)	The Last of the Mohicans (1826)
Catherine Maria Sedgwick (1789-1867)	Hope Leslie (1827)
Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)	Democracy in America (1835/1840)
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)	Selected essays, among them "Nature" (1836), "The American Scholar" (1837)
Henry W. Longfellow (1807-1882)	Selected poems, among them "A Psalm of Life" (1838)
Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)	"Ligeia" (1838), "The Fall of the House of Usher" (1839), "The Man of the Crowd" (1840), "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" (1841), "The Tell-Tale Heart" (1843), "The Purloined Letter" (1844); "The Philosophy of Composition" (1846), "The Poetic Principle" (1850) "The Raven" (1845)
Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave (1845)
Margaret Fuller (1810-1850)	Woman in the Nineteenth Century (1845)
John L. O'Sullivan (1813-1895)	"Annexation" (1845)
Elisabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)	"Declaration of Sentiments And Resolutions" (1848)
Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)	"Civil Disobedience" (1849), Walden (1854),
Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)	The Scarlet Letter (1850) Selected stories, among them "My Kinsman Major Molineux" (1832), "Young Goodman Brown" (1835), Preface to <i>The House of the Seven Gables</i> (1851), "The Minister's Black Veil" (1836), "Rappaccini's Daughter" (1844), "Roger Malvin's Burial" (1846)

19th Century II

Herman Melville (1819-1891)	Moby Dick (1851)
	Selected stories, among them "Bartleby, the Scrivener" (1853),
	"Benito Cereno" (1855), "Billy Budd, Sailor" (1891)
Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896)	Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852)
William Wells Brown (1814-1884)	Clotel, or the President's Daughter (1853)
Walt Whitman (1819-1892)	"Preface" to <i>Leaves of Grass</i> (1855), "Song of Myself" (1855) and further poems, among them "There Was a Child Went Forth" (1855), "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry" (1856), "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" (1859), "Facing West From
	California's Shores" (1860), "Passage to India" (1871)
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)	"House Divided" Speech (1858), "Gettysburg Address" (1863)
Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)	Selected poems, among them "These are the days when Birds come back" (1859), "Safe in their Alabaster Chambers" (1859; 1861), "I felt a Funeral in my Brain" (1861), "A Bird came down the Walk" (1862), "Because I Could Not Stop For
	Death" (1863), "To make a prairie it takes a clover and a bee" (1896)
Harriet Jacobs (c. 1813-1897)	Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (1861)
Mark Twain (1835-1910)	"The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" (1865), "Fenimore Cooper's Literary Offenses" (1895) Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1890)
Henry James (1843-1916)	"Daisy Miller" (1878), "The Art of Fiction" (1884), "The Real Thing" (1892), "The Turn of the Screw" (1898), <i>The</i> <i>Ambassadors</i> (1903)
William Dean Howells (1837-1920)	The Rise of Silas Lapham (1885), "Novel-Writing and Novel-Reading" (1899)
Sarah Orne Jewett (1849-1909)	"A White Heron" (1886)
Edward Bellamy (1850-1898)	Looking Backward (1887)
Mary E.W. Freeman (1852-1930)	"A New England Nun" (1891)
Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860-1940)	"The Yellow Wallpaper" (1892), Herland (1915)
Ida B. Wells (1862-1931)	"A Red Record" (1895)
Stephen Crane (1871-1900)	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> (1895) Selected stories, among them "The Open Boat" (1897), "The Blue Hotel" (1898), "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky" (1898)
Booker T. Washington (1856-1915)	"Atlanta Exposition Address" (1895)
Charles W. Chesnutt (1858-1932)	The Conjure Woman (1899)

Kate Chopin (1850-1904)	The Awakening (1899)
Albert Beveridge (1863-1927)	"America's Destiny" (1900)

20th CENTURY I

a. Prose

Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945)	Sister Carrie (1900)
Frank Norris (1870-1902)	The Octopus (1901)
W.E.B. DuBois (1868-1963)	The Souls of Black Folk (1903)
Upton Sinclair (1878-1968)	The Jungle (1906)
Gertrude Stein (1874-1946)	Three Lives (1909), The Making of Americans (1925)
Mary Antin (1881-1949)	The Promised Land (1912)
Willa Cather (1873-1947)	My Ántonia (1918)
Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941)	Winesburg, Ohio (1919), esp. "Hands"; "The Egg" (1920), "I Want to Know Why" (1933)
Edith Wharton (1862-1937)	The Age of Innocence (1920)
Sinclair Lewis (1885-1951)	Babbitt (1922)
Jean Toomer (1894-1967)	<i>Cane</i> (1923)
F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)	The Great Gatsby (1925)
John Dos Passos (1896-1970)	Manhattan Transfer (1925); one part of the U.S.ATrilogy (1938), e.g. Nineteen-Nineteen (1932)
Ellen Glasgow (1873-1945)	The Romantic Comedians (1926)
Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)	<i>The Sun Also Rises</i> (1926), <i>A Farewell to Arms</i> (1929) Selected stories, among them "Indian Camp"(1924), "Cat in the Rain" (1925), "The Killers" (1927), "A Clean Well-Lighted Place" (1933)
Claude McKay (1890-1948)	Home to Harlem (1928)
William Faulkner (1897-1962)	The Sound and the Fury (1929) "A Rose for Emily" (1930), Absalom, Absalom (1936)
Thomas Wolfe (1900-1938)	Look Homeward, Angel (1929)
Nella Larsen (1891-1964)	Passing (1929)
Katherine Anne Porter (1890-1980)	Selected stories, among them "Flowering Judas" (1929), "Old Mortality" (1939)

Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960)	Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937)
John Steinbeck (1902-1968)	The Grapes of Wrath (1939), Of Mice and Men (1937)
Nathanael West (1903-1940)	Day of the Locust (1939)
Richard Wright (1908-1960)	Native Son (1940), "The Man Who Was Almost a Man" (1939)
Carson McCullers (1917-1967)	The Heart is a Lonely Hunter (1940)
Eudora Welty (1909-2001)	Selected stories, among them "Petrified Man" (1941), "No Place For You, My Love" (1952)

b. Drama

Israel Zangwill (1864-1926)	The Melting Pot (1915)
Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953)	Emperor Jones (1920), The Hairy Ape (1922), All God's Chillun Got Wings (1924), A Long Day's Journey into Night (1956)
Elmer Rice (1892-1967)	The Adding Machine (1923)
Thornton Wilder (1897-1975)	Our Town (1938)
Clifford Odets (1906-1963)	Waiting for Lefty (1935)
Tennessee Williams (1911-1983)	The Glass Menagerie (1945), *A Streetcar Named Desire (1947), Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1955)
Arthur Miller (1915-2005)	Death of a Salesman (1949), The Crucible (1953)

c. Poetry

Robert Frost (1874-1963)	Selected poems, among them "The Vantage Point" (1913), "After Apple Picking" (1914), "Mending Wall" (1914), "The Road Not Taken" (1916), "Birches" (1916), *"Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening" (1923), "Spring Pools" (1928)
H. D. Doolittle (1886-1961)	"Oread" (1915), "Helen" (1928)
Ezra Pound (1885-1972)	Selected poems, among them "A Pact" (1913), "In a Station of the Metro" (1913), "A Retrospect" (1918), "Hugh Selvyn Mauberly (Life and Contacts)" (1920), "Canto I" (1925), "How to Read" (1931), "Canto XLV: With Usura" (1937)
Carl Sandburg (1878-1967)	Selected poems, among them "Chicago" (1914), "Fog" (19169, "Grass" (1918)
Wallace Stevens (1879-1955)	Selected poems, among them "Sunday Morning" (1915), *"Anecdote of the Jar" (1923), "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird" (1931), "The Idea of Order at Key West" (1936)
T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)	Selected poems, among them "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" (1915), <i>The Waste Land</i> (1922) Selected essays, among them "Tradition and the Individual Talent" (1919)

William Carlos Williams (1883-1963)	Selected poems, among them "The Young Housewife" (1916), "To a Solitary Disciple" (1917), "Spring and All" (1923), *"The Red Wheelbarrow" (1923)
Claude McKay (1890-1948)	Selected poems, among them "If We Must Die" (1919/1922), "America" (1921/1922), "The Harlem Dancer" (1917/1922)
Langston Hughes (1902-1967)	Selected poems, among them "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" (1921), "Theme for English B." (1951), "Harlem" (1967)
e.e. cummings (1894-1962)	"next to of course god america i" (1926), "l(a" (1958)

d. Essay

Horace M. Kallen (1902-1975)	"Democracy versus the Melting Pot: A Study of American Nationality" (1915)
Randolph Bourne (1886-1918)	"Trans-National America" (1916)
Alain Locke (1885-1954)	"The New Negro" (1925)
Black Elk (1863-1950)	Black Elk Speaks (1932)
Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945)	"The Four Freedoms" (1941)
George C. Marshall (1880-1959)	"Report on the Plan for European Recovery" (1948)

20th CENTURY II

a. Prose

Norman Mailer (1923-2007)	The Naked and the Dead (1948)
Jerome D. Salinger (1919-2010)	The Catcher in the Rye (1951)
Ralph Ellison (1914-1994)	Invisible Man (1952)
James Baldwin (1924-1987)	Go Tell It on the Mountain (1953)
Saul Bellow (1915-2005)	The Adventures of Augie March (1953)
John Cheever (1912-1982)	Selected stories, among them "The Enormous Radio" (1953), "Country Husband," (1956) "The Swimmer" (1964)
William Burroughs (1914-1997)	Junkie (1953), Naked Lunch (1959)
Vladimir Nabokov (1899-1977)	Lolita (1955), Pale Fire (1962)
Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964)	Selected stories, among them "Good Country People" (1955), *"A Good Man Is Hard to Find" (1955), "Everything That Rises Must Converge" (1965), "The Life You Save May be Your Own" (1955)

Jack Kerouac (1922-1969)	On the Road (1957)
Bernard Malamud (1914-1986)	The Assistant (1957)
Philip Roth (b. 1933)	Goodbye, Columbus (1959), The Human Stain (2000)
Joseph Heller (1923-1999)	<i>Catch</i> 22 (1961)
Tillie Olsen (1912-2007)	Tell Me a Riddle (1961)
Ken Kesey (1935-2001)	One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest (1962)
Malcolm X (with Alex Haley) (1925-65)	The Autobiography of Malcolm X (1964)
Thomas Pynchon (b. 1937)	The Crying of Lot 49 (1966); "Entropy" (1960)
Truman Capote (1924-1984)	In Cold Blood (1966)
John Barth (b. 1930)	The Sot-Weed Factor (1967), Lost in the Funhouse (1968)
Donald Barthelme (1931-1989)	Snow White (1967) Selected stories, among them "The Balloon" (1968), "Paraguay" (1970)
Tom Wolfe (b. 1931)	The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test (1968), The Bonfire of the Vanities (1987)
John Updike (1931-2009)	Couples (1968)
N. Scott Momaday (b. 1934)	House Made of Dawn (1968), The Way to Rainy Mountain (1969)
Ursula K. Le Guin (b. 1929)	The Left Hand of Darkness (1969)
Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007)	Slaughterhouse Five (1969)
Joan Didion (b. 1934)	A Book of Common Prayer (1970)
E.L. Doctorow (b. 1931)	Book of Daniel (1971), Ragtime (1975)
Maxine Hong Kingston (b. 1940)	The Woman Warrior (1975)
Andy Warhol (1928-1987)	The Philosophy of Andy Warhol (1975)
Leslie Marmon Silko (b. 1948)	Ceremony (1977), "The Man to Send Rainclouds" (1982)
Octavia Butler (1947-2006)	Kindred (1979)
Alice Walker (b. 1944)	The Color Purple (1982); "Everyday Use" (1973)
Jay McInerney (b. 1955)	Bright Lights, Big City (1984)
Sandra Cisneros (b. 1954)	The House on Mango Street (1984)
Joyce Carol Oates (b. 1938)	Selected stories, among them "How I Contemplated the World from the Detroit House of Correction and Began My Life Over Again" (1984)

Louise Erdrich (b. 1954)	Love Medicine (1984), Tracks (1988)
Toni Morrison (b. 1931)	Beloved (1987) Jazz (1992), Paradise (1997)
Gloria Anzaldùa (1942-2004)	Borderlands / La Frontera (1987)
Paul Auster (b. 1947)	The New York Trilogy (1987), Moon Palace (1989)
Amy Tan (b. 1952)	The Joy Luck Club (1989)
Bharati Mukherjee (b. 1940)	Jasmine (1989)
Bret Easton Ellis (b. 1946)	American Psycho (1991)
Art Spiegelman (b. 1948)	Maus (1991)
Gerald Vizenor (b. 1941)	The Heirs of Columbus (1991), Dead Voices (1992)
Sherman Alexie (b. 1966)	Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven (1993), War Dances (2010)
Stewart O'Nan (b. 1961)	Snow Angels (1994)
David Foster Wallace (1962-2008)	Infinite Jest (1996)
Percival Everett (b. 1956)	Erasure (2001)
Jonathan Safran Foer (b. 1977)	Everything Is Illuminated (2002), Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (2005)
Richard Powers (b. 1957)	The Time of Our Singing (2003), The Echo Maker (2006)
Karen Russell (b. 1981)	Swamplandia (2010)

b. Drama

Alice Childress (1920-1994)	Trouble in Mind (1955), Wine in the Wilderness (1969)
Edward Albee (b. 1928)	The Zoo Story (1959), Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (1962)
Imanu Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones) (1934-2014)	Dutchman (1964), The Slave (1964)
David Mamet (b. 1947)	American Buffalo (1975), Glengarry Glen Ross (1982), Oleanna (1992)
Marsha Norman (b. 1947)	Getting Out (1977), Night, Mother (1983)
Sam Shepard (b. 1943)	Buried Child (1978), True West (1980)
August Wilson (1945-2005)	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (1984), The Piano Lesson (1990)
Larry Kramer (b. 1935)	The Normal Heart (1985)
David Henry Hwang (b. 1957)	<i>M. Butterfly</i> (1988)

Tony Kushner (b. 1956)	Angels in America (1993)
Suzan-Lori Parks (b. 1963)	The America Play (1994)
Paula Vogel (b. 1951)	How I Learned to Drive (1997)

c. Poetry

Robert Lowell (1917-1977)	"Mr. Edwards and the Spider" (1946), "The Quaker Graveyard in Nantucket" (1946), "For the Union Dead" (1960)
Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)	"The Mother" (1945), "We Real Cool" (1959)
Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997)	"Howl" (1956), "A Supermarket in California" (1956)
John Ashbery (b. 1927)	"Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror" (1975)
Anne Sexton (1928-1974)	"Sylvia's Death" (1962)
Robert Creeley (1926-2005)	"I Know a Man" (1962), "Language" (1960), "The Door" (1962)
Adrienne Rich (1929-2012)	"Storm Warnings" (1951), "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning" (1970), "Diving Into the Wreck" (1972), "Rape" (1973), "From an Old House in America" (1974), "Cartographies of Silence" (1975)
Frank O'Hara	"Personism: A Manifesto" (1959),"Having a Coke With You" (1960), "A Step Away from Them" (1954),"The Day Lady Died" (1964)
Sylvia Plath (1932-1963)	"Lady Lazarus" (1962), "Ariel" (1962), "Daddy" (1962)
Michael Harper (b. 1938)	"Dear John, Dear Coltrane" (1970)
Simon Ortiz (b. 1941)	"Dry Root in a Wash" (1976), "Survival This Way" (1977)
Susan Howe (b. 1937)	<i>Defenestration of Prague</i> (1983), <i>My Emily Dickinson</i> (1985), selected poems
Charles Bernstein (b. 1950)	"Asylum" (1976), "Dysraphism" (1987), "L=A=N=G=U=A=G=E Lines" (1988)
Lyn Hejinian (b. 1941)	My Life (1987), "The Rejection of Closure" (2002), selected poems
Rita Dove (b. 1952)	Selected poems, among them "Adolescence II" (1993), "I Have Been a Stranger in a Strange Land" (2002), "Ludwig van Beethoven's Return to Vienna" (2009), "Reunion 2005" (2007), "The Spring Cricket Considers the Question of Negritude" (2012)
Harryette Mullen (b. 1953)	Selected poems, among them "Page 34 / If your complexion is a mess" (1995), "Black Nikes" (1997), "Dim Lady" (2002), "Variations on a Theme Park" (2002)

Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962) Joy Harjo (b. 1951)	"Apollo" (1992), "Ars Poetica # 100: I Believe" (2005), "The female seer will upon this pyre" (2001), "Praise song for the Day" (2009) Selected poems and tales from a <i>Map to the Next World</i> (2000)
Natasha Trethewey (b. 1966)	Selected poems and they no increase work (2006), "Theories of Time and Space" (2006), "Kitchen Maid with Supper at Emmaus, or The Mulata" (2012)

d. Essay

James Baldwin (1924-1987)	"Everybody's Protest Novel" (1949)
Ralph Ellison (1914-1994)	"Twentieth-Century Fiction and the Black Mask of Humanity" (1953), "The World and the Jug" (1964)
Earl Warren (1891-1974)	"Brown v. The Board of Education of Topeka" (1954)
Norman Mailer (1923-2007)	"The White Negro" (1957)
John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)	"Inaugural Address" (1961)
Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)	"I Have a Dream" (1963)
Susan Sontag (1933-2004)	"Notes on 'Camp'" (1964)
Adrienne Rich (1929-2012)	"Split at the Root" (1982)
Jamaica Kincaid (b. 1949)	"The Ugly Tourist" (1988)