**Matching Literature to Themes**

*Here are YOUR suggestions for which themes match with each piece of literature! Items that count as literary sources are highlighted. If it’s not highlighted, it’s a historic source (even though it was read in US Lit).*

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| **Title** | **Handout or page #** | **Themes** |
| *Dreams from My Father* by Obama |  | African Americans, Alienation, American Dream, Civil Liberties, Conflict of Generations, Cultural Encounters, Democracy, Diversity, Equality, Exploration, Family, Fear, Individualism, Intolerance, Isolation, Journey, The Underdog, Immigration, Mingling of Races, Religion, Travel, Politics, Elitism, Equality, Freedom, Pursuit of Happiness, Creation, Crisis, Desperation, Elitism, Globalization, Loss of Innocence, Perseverance, Power of Words, Immigration, Journey/Quest |
| “Legal Alien” by Pat Mora | 1197 | Alienation, Hispanic Americans, Cultural Encounters, Oppression, Mingling of Races, Alienation, Isolation, Freedom, Civil Liberties, Equality, Globalization, Immigration, Underdog, Journey/Quest, Environment, Fear, Intolerance  |
| “The Worn Path” by Welty | 8 | Journey/Quest, African Americans, Cultural Encounters, Fear, Travel, Hero, Pursuit of Happiness, Exploration, Nature, Diversity |
| *The Crucible* by Miller | 163 | Spirituality, Religion, Fear, Power of Words, Crisis, Imagination, Alienation, Civil Liberties, Conflict of Generations, Environment, Elitism, Isolation, Morality, Anti-hero, Women, Tradition, Desperation, Oppression, Reason & Logic, Rebellion, Founding, Propaganda, Philosophy, Politics,  |
| Mayflower Compact | Handout | Religion, Independence, Democracy, Immigration, Experimentation, Spirituality, Idealism, Independence, Frontier, Founding, Nationalism, American Dream, Alienation, Freedom, Journey/Quest, Pursuit of Happiness, Power of Words |
| “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” by Edwards | 152 | Religion, Spirituality, Fear, Power of Words, Intolerance, Tradition, Desperation, Oppression, Reason & Logic |
| Anne Bradstreet Poetry | 138 | Women, Power of Words, Equality, Freedom, Independence, Perseverance, Family, Individuality, Family |
| “The Examination of Sarah Good” | 144 | Spirituality, Power of Words, Politics, Religion, Crisis, Perseverance, Fear, Intolerance, Women, Propaganda, Reason, Desperation  |
| “Speech to the Virginia Convention” by Henry | 262 | Power of Words, War, Oppression, Rebellion, Independence, Revolution, Reason and Logic, Philosophy, Spirituality, Underdog, Politics, Democracy, Perseverance, Propaganda  |
| Declaration of Independence by Jefferson | 270 | Independence, Democracy, Politics, Pursuit of Happiness, Freedom, Morality, Philosophy, Rebellion, Hero, Revolution, Power of Words, War, Idealism, Equality, Oppression |
| “Rip Van Winkle” by Irving | Handout | Imagination, Revolution, Journey/Quest, Rebellion, Nature, Environment, Spirituality, Tradition, Exploration, Family, Women, Independence, Founding, Imagination, Revolution, Travel, Pursuit of Happiness |
| “Self Reliance” by Thoreau | 363 | Transcendentalism, Nature, Environment, Individualism, Philosophy, Experimentation, Founding, Power of Words, Reason & Logic, Freedom, Independence, Morality, Independence, Revolution  |
| “Masque of the Red Death” by Poe | 454 | Entertainment, Environment, Fear, Imagination, Desperation, Crisis, Morality, Isolation, Marginality, Spirituality, Isolation, Anti-hero, Entertainment, Utopia |
| “What is an American” by de Crevecoeur | 289 | American Dream, Mingling of Races, Nationalism, Tradition, Immigration, Work Ethic, Individualism, Independence, Democracy, Revolution, Diversity, Cultural Encounters, Idealism, Nationalism, North and South |
| “An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge” by Bierce | 580 | The North and South, Imagination, War, Hero, Desperation, Crisis, Fear, Rebellion, Morality, Family, Journey/Quest, Revolution, Anti-hero, Politics, Desperation, Freedom |
| “The Story of an Hour” by Chopin | 783 | Desperation, Family, Women, Imagination, Individualism, Democracy, Civil Liberties, Pursuit of Happiness, Independence, Freedom, Equality, Fear, Tradition |
| “A Wagner Matinee” by Cather | 688 | Frontier, Women, Isolation, Music, Entertainment, The City, Family, Expansion, Regionalism, Entertainment, Oppression,  |
| “Autobiography of Mark Twain” by Twain | 658 | Humor, Entertainment, Morality, Experimentation, Journey/Quest, Imagination, Reason & Logic, Main Street/Small Towns, Loss of Innocence, Hero, Pursuit of Happiness |
| “Life on the Mississippi” by Twain | 669 | Journey/Quest, Freedom, Exploration, Travel, Regionalism, Nature, Loss of Innocence, American Dream |
| Twain’s Epigrams | Handout | Humor, Morality, Pursuit of Happiness, Power of Words, Individuality, Philosophy, Work Ethnic, Reason & Logic |
| “…Olaudah Equiano” by Equiano | 93 | African Americans, Freedom, Oppression, Mingling of Races, Cultural Encounters, Desperation, Environment, Exploration, Fear, Freedom, Independence, Rebellion |
| “…Frederick Douglass” by Douglass | 562 | African Americans, Independence, Freedom, Fear, Desperation, Mingling of Races, Oppression, Pursuit of Happiness, Rebellion |
| *Huck Finn* by Twain |  | Humor, American Dream, Frontier, Family, African Americans, Exploration, Freedom, Fear, Hero, Individualism, Religion, Morality, North and South, Loss of Innocence, Anti-hero, Journey/Quest, Nature, Alienation, Equality |
| “My Papa’s Waltz” by Roethke | Edline | Family, Fear, Anti-hero, Entertainment, Intolerance, Anti-Hero |
| “We Wear the Mask” by Dunbar | Handout | African Americans, Fear, Isolation, Freedom, Alienation, Cultural Encounters, Pursuit of Happiness, Experimentation, Civil Liberties |
| *Fahrenheit 451* by Hamilton & Bradbury |  | Power of Words, Reason & Logic, Propaganda, Morality, Utopia, Imagination, Philosophy, Democracy, Oppression, Politics, Hero,  |