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1. **Course Number:** ENL205  
**Course Title:** American Literature to 1890: The Emergence of American Literature
2. **Description:** Learn how America's early writers--from a variety of perspectives--struggled to forge a distinctly American voice for a diverse, rowdy, and iconoclastic new nation.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**  
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
  - Read and discuss noteworthy American works and authors from 1620 to 1895, including:
    - Exploration/Puritan literature
    - Colonial literature and literature of the American Revolution
    - Enlightenment and romantic literature
    - Transcendentalist and abolitionist literature
  - Identify and describe the major periods of American literature.
  - Connect literary themes across periods and genres.
  - Use close-reading strategies to critically analyze various literary genres in American literature.
  - Read and evaluate literary criticism.
  - Write effectively on themes and genres within early American literature.
  - Recognize and evaluate the impact of American literature on world cultures.
  - Recognize and evaluate the impact of world cultures and values on American literature.
  - Develop a literary vocabulary.
  - Analyze how ethical and moral perspectives raised within texts correspond with philosophical and political movements of their era.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Humanities and Fine Arts
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL102 (English Composition II)
7. **Semesters Offered:** Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Student work will be evaluated for thinking, writing, and communication skills. Clarity, depth of knowledge, and analytical skills are evaluated in students' written work and classroom discussion.
9. **General Topical Outline:**