

# African American Literature

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ENGL 3260-601: Introduction to : WI FC: HU; CD\*  
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This course focuses on African American literature as represented by significant works from different historical periods, emphasizing the twentieth century. It traces, in a brief manner, the development of African American literature from slavery to present, and it includes works by male and female writers. We will study their use of literary conventions to see how their imaginations are portrayed. We will also discuss American history, sociology, and politics to examine the role of African-Americans in the United States, see the forces that have influenced their works, and discover the role the African-American writer serves in the African-American community.



**\*This course satisfies the Cultural Diversity Requirement and the Humanities Foundation Credit Requirement**