

**Bossier Parish Community College**  
**Master Syllabus**

<b>Course Prefix and Number:</b>	ENGL 202	<b>Credit Hours:</b> 3
<b>Course Title:</b>	Major American Writers	
<b>Course Prerequisites:</b>	ENGL 102, grade of “C” or better	
<b>Textbook(s):</b>	McMichael. <u>Concise Anthology of American Literature</u>	
<b>Course Description:</b>	A study of works by significant writers in American literature.	

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the student will

- A. recognize the historical background of the literary works read;
- B. apply common terms associated with literature;
- C. identify common authors, titles, and themes in American literature; and
- D. write a research paper which includes secondary sources and demonstrates a knowledge of MLA form.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. see literary works as a reflection of our national consciousness (A and C).
- 2. examine the lives and influences of major American authors (A and C).
- 3. consider works as integrated wholes and as expressions of limited points of view (A, B, C, and D).
- 4. analyze the major themes and literary styles in American literature (B and C).
- 5. explore major literary philosophies and American historical events from colonialism to modernism (A, C, and D).

**Course Requirements:** Students will successfully complete teacher-made tests, a research paper, and other required writings.

**Course Grading Scale:** The following scale will be used on all required work:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F