

## Lecture 2

### Colonial American Literature

#### 1- What is colonial American literature?

\*is writing that emerged from the original U.S. colonies during the period from 1607 to the late 1700s

\*It was largely influenced by British writers, and was created to inform people about colonial life, religious disputes and settlement issues

\*Many of the characteristics of Colonial American literature can be found in the poems, journals, letters, narratives, histories and teaching materials written by settlers, religious figures and historical icons of the period

#### 2- Colonial American literature includes the writings for writers such as?

Mary Rowlandson, William Bradford, Anne Bradstreet and John Winthrop

#### 3- What are the aspects and characteristics of Colonial American Literature?

\* Historical

\* Narrative

\* Religion and Poetry

\* The Enlightenment

#### 4- What is the major characteristics of Colonial American literature?

Its historical aspects, which evolved over time during the 400 years since its beginnings

5- One of the major characteristics of Colonial American literature is its historical aspects Great figures from American history have also contributed to this genre such as?

John Smith and William Penn

#### 6- Was used extensively during the Colonial American literature period?

The narrative

7- Most of the literary works of narrative in Colonial American literature are composed of?

Letters, journals, biographies and memoirs

8- An example of narrative in Colonial American literature is .....narrative account, "The Sovereignty and Goodness of God

Mary Rowlandson's

9- This narrative gives an insider's account of a colonist being captured by Native Americans and describes the heavy hostility between the Native Americans and colonists. Rowland's story is categorized as a/an

An autobiography and a captivity narrative

10- Religion is also another characteristic of Colonial American literature and can be found mostly in?

Puritan writings

11- What did the Puritans write about?

About the religious foundations of many of their settlements

12- The Puritans wrote about the religious foundations of many of their settlements, especially the?

The exodus from Britain

13- The Puritans employed the constant theme that?

God should be worshipped they also used texts that prepared them for worship

14- The Puritans religious literature helped to spread?

The message of God, suggesting that "life was a test" and the soul would face damnation if that test was failed

15- Many of the Puritan works were written in?

Poetry form

16- The "Bay Psalm Book" poetry is a good example of the Puritans' writing in this era it was written by?

Anne Bradstreet's

17- The "Preparatory Mediations " is a good example of the Puritans' writing in this era. It was written by?

Pastor Edward Taylor's

18- The (Bay Psalm Book), and Pastor Edward Taylor's (Preparatory Mediations) are good examples of?

Religious texts of the era

19- The Puritans religious writings led to?

The Puritanism and great awakening movements

20- ..... used religion to show the religious tension between the Colonial settlers and Native Americans?

Non-Puritan writers

21- Non-Puritan writers used religion to show?

The religious tension between the Colonial settlers and Native Americans

22- When did the Enlightenment showed a great shift in Colonial American literature?

In the 18th century

23- In the 18th century, the pamphlet or narrative form showed a great shift in?

Colonial American literature from a religious foundation to scientific reasoning applied to human nature, society, culture and political awareness

24- During the Enlightenment Many texts were written in?

Pamphlet or narrative form

25- Many texts were written in pamphlet or narrative form during the Enlightenment and challenged the?

The role of God and religious life

26- Many texts were written in pamphlet or narrative form and challenged the role of God and religious life, seeking to?

Replace them with reason

27- Rational thought and science were the new?

New themes

28- A work that explored many of these new ideas was?

(The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin) and the pamphlet  
(Common Sense) by Thomas Paine

29- The American Revolution had a large part to play in?

The shifting of ideas

30- It had a large part to play in the shifting of ideas?

The American Revolution

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| Mary Rowlandson,<br>William Bradford,<br>Anne Bradstreet &<br>John Winthrop. | Colonial American literature includes the writings  |   |
| Anne Bradstreet's,<br>&<br>Pastor Edward                                     | Anne Bradstreet's poetry, the "Bay Psalm Book," & Pastor Edward Taylor's "Preparatory Mediations" | Good examples of religious texts of the era.                                |
| John Smith<br>William Penn&  | Great figures from American history have also contributed to this genre,                          |   |
| Mary Rowlandson's  | narrative account, "The Sovereignty & Goodness of God"  | Rowland's story is categorized as an autobiography & a captivity narrative. |
| Benjamin Franklin  | Rational thought & science were the new themes. "The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin"          |   |
| Thomas Paine   | the pamphlet "Common Sense"   | Explored many of these new ideas.   |