Veranstalter:	Prof. Dr. Florian Sedlmeier
Modul:	HistoryofAmericanLiterature[AA3, LAA3, LAA16, SLM-WB, SG]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Vorlesung
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The lecture offers students an introductory overview to the history of American literature, from its beginnings in indigenous oral traditions and Puritan texts to the close of the twentieth century. Organized in major periods, the respective sessions place texts written by representative authors in social and cultural contexts. Overall, the lecture conceives of U.S. literary history as inextricable from colonialism, immigration, and slavery. While focused on such contextual concerns, the sessions also trace the shifting movements constituting literary periodization from early American literature to postmodernism, emphasizing the institutional conditions of literary production and reception on the one hand, and the specific textual strategies and aesthetic effects characterizing genre conventions on the other.

A reader with the course material is provided in the first week. Students are expected to participate actively and attend regularly. To receive a Schein/grade, students need to pass three quizzes over the course of the semester.

Sprechstunden im Semester:	Dienstag, 16 – 17 Uhr (nicht am 06.11.2018)
Sprechstunden in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	s. Sprechstundenliste