**1607 - 1775: Colonial Period**  
William Bradford  
John Winthrop  
Cotton Mather  
Benjamin Franklin  
Anne Bradstreet

**1765 - 1790: Revolutionary Age**  
Thomas Jefferson  
Alexander Hamilton  
James Madison  
Thomas Paine

**1775 - 1865:** [**Early National Period**](http://users.ev1.net/~mrdee/MISC/unit3b_study.html)James Fenimore Cooper  
Edgar Allan Poe  
William Cullen Bryant  
Frederick Douglass  
Harriet Jacobs  
(slave narratives)

**1828 - 1865:** [**Romantic Period in America (American Renaissance or Age of Transcendentalism)**](http://users.ev1.net/~mrdee/MISC/unit2_study.html)Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Henry David Thoreau  
Edgar Allan Poe  
Herman Mellville  
Washington Irving  
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Harriet Beecher Stowe  
John Greenleaf Whittier  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
Walt Witman

**1865 - 1914:** [**Realistic Period - Naturalistic Period**](http://users.ev1.net/~mrdee/MISC/unit3a_study.html)Mark Twain  
William Dean Howells  
Henry James  
Bret Harte  
Sarah Orne Jewett  
Stephen Crane  
Ezra Pound  
Emily Dickinson  
Frank Norris  
Jack London  
Theodore Dreiser

**1914 - 1939:** [**Modern Period - Jazz Age - Harlem Renaissance**](http://users.ev1.net/~mrdee/MISC/unit_5_study.html)Edgar Lee Masters  
Ezra Pound  
Edwin Arlington Robinson  
William Carlos Williams  
Robert Frost  
Carl Sandburg  
Wallace Stevens  
Robinson Jeffers  
Marianne Moore  
T.S. Eliot  
Edna St. Vincent Millay  
E.E. Cummings  
Amy Lowell  
H.D. (Hilda Doolittle)  
Edith Wharton  
Sinclair Lewis  
Willa Cather  
Gertrude Stein  
Sherwood Anderson  
John Dos Passos  
F. Scott Fitzgerald (jazz age)  
William Faulkner  
Ernest Hemingway  
Thomas Wolfe  
John Steinbeck  
Eugene O'Neill  
H.L. Mencken

**Harlem Renaissance:**Langston Hughes  
Countee Cullen  
Jean Toomer  
W.E.B. DuBois  
James Baldwin  
Etc.

**1939 - :** [**Contemporary Period**](http://users.ev1.net/~mrdee/MISC/unit_5_study_2.html)  
Vladimir Nabokov  
Eudora Welty  
Robert Penn Warren  
Bernard Malamud  
Saul Bellow  
Norman Mailer  
John Updike  
Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.  
Thomas Pynchon  
John Barth  
E.L. Doctorow  
Marianne Moore  
Theodore Roethke  
Elizabeth Bishop  
Robert Lowell  
Allen Ginsberg (Beat Generation)  
Adrienne Rich  
Sylvia Plath  
Thornton Wilder  
Arthur Miller  
Tennessee Williams  
Edward Albee

African American writers:  
Ralph Ellison  
Zora Neal Hurston  
Alice Walker  
James Baldwin  
Richard Wright  
Gwendolyn Brooks  
LeRoi Jones (Imamu Amiri Baraka)  
Toni Morrison