**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