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Class/Period:
Mr. Martin—American Literature

Baseline Writing—What makes American Literature “American”?

Focus Question: What makes American Literature “American”?

The Requirements: -Minimum two complete pages.
-Proper MLA Formatting
-Introductory and Conclusion Paragraphs.
-A thesis statement.
-Evidence (quoted and paraphrased).
-Organization of body paragraphs to create a cohesive argument.

How to answer the question:

-Using your summer reading of a piece of American Literature or any other piece of American Literature you have read (TIP: Haven’t read anything yet? Take a look at some short pieces or poetry!), make the connection between the works of literature and American culture/history/laws/events.
-It is up to you to make this connection using evidence and all other writing skills you have learned in your past classes.
-Use the literature to make a conversational argument.

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Rubric: Grade 11 Common Core Argumentative Rubric (Listed on [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com))

Total: /100 points (Quiz Grade)

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