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Mr. Martin—American Literature

### **“Stirring of a Nation’s Literature” Paper**

#### **Focus Question (Choose One):**

How are the Early American Texts indicative of American Society at the time in which they were written?

How are the Early American Texts an indication of American Society today?.

How do the American Independence articles (Declaration, Common Sense) use persuasion and rhetoric to push the colonies towards their breakup? Connect the rhetoric used with personal relationships, experiences, etc.

How do the poems of Walt Whitman/Emily Dickinson show/reflect the poets’ lives, the time period in which they were written, and/or today’s society/culture?

Have a great topic that you want to write about? See me and we will develop it.

#### **The Requirements:** -Minimum two complete pages.

- MLA Formatting
- Introductory and Conclusion Paragraphs.
- A thesis statement.
- Evidence (quoted and paraphrased).
- Organization of body paragraphs to create a cohesive argument with counterpoints.

#### **How to answer the question:**

- Using the texts we have read throughout this unit, choose a question to answer.
- TIP: Want to answer a different question? See me before/after class and propose your topic.
- Use evidence from the literature to create a conversation that proves your thesis.

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**Rubric: Grade 11 Common Core Argumentative Rubric (listed on turnitin.com)**

**Total:            /100 points (Test Grade)**

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