Minnesota State University Moorhead

ENGL 322: 19th-Century American Literature

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: ENGL 101 - Composition and Literature I

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Studies of authors, genres, or literary movements in nineteenth-century America. Subjects and focus will vary as materials address the literature of nineteenth-century America.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/18/2001 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- 1. Provide historical and critical study of authors, genres, and literary movements from nineteenthcentury America.
- 2. Demonstrate and practice close readings and critical analysis of a literary text.
- 3. Preparation for writing argumentative, critical, analytical essays about a literary text and for using MLA format style and documentation that prove a main point (thesis), sustain an argument, indicate logical development, and demonstrate literary analysis by including direct quotes from the readings as textual evidence and by discussing literary elements and tropes.
- 4. Preparation for exams that require an understanding of literary terminology and the application of literary analysis of authors, genres, and literary movements from nineteenth-century America.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

- 1. To understand a major theme and a selection of authors from nineteenth-century America from an historical and critical perspective.
- 2. To understand and practice close readings and critical analysis of a literary text.
- 3. To write argumentative, critical, analytical essays about a literary text using MLA format style and documentation that prove a main point (thesis), sustain an argument, indicate logical development, and demonstrate literary analysis by including direct quotes from the readings as textual evidence and by discussing literary elements and tropes.
- 4. To take exams that will require an understanding of literary terminology and the application of literary analysis of authors, genres, and literary movements from nineteenth-century America.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted