

American Romanticism:
Practice Exam & Exam Instructions

Exam = Nov. 15

33 multiple choice/true false/short answer questions

Questions are on our main author readings (not prof. notes or websites)

No make ups unless documented/reasonable excuses for absence

Questions, proportionately, will roughly be as below:

- DeTocqueville (2)
- Emerson: "Nature" (2)
- Thoreau (3)
- Melville: Bartleby & BC (6)
- Irving: RIP (2)
- Hawthorne: Wakefield (1)
- Dickinson: Fly poem (2)
- Poe: Cask, Tell-Tale, Purloined, Fall of Usher (7)
- Douglass: 1845 version (3)
- Stowe (5)

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where does the story of "Bartleby" take place:

- a) New York, Harlem.
- b) New York, Wall Street.
- c) Washington, D.C., near the White House.
- d) Chicago's downtown business district.

2. The word "stationary" is used in "Bartleby" because:

- a) Bartleby writes a lot of important documents on letter-head stationary.
- b) Bartleby copies a lot of important documents on letter-head stationary.
- c) He migrates from job to job; and the narrator says "you don't like to be stationary, do you?"
- d) Bartleby says he prefers to be "stationary."
- e) a) and c).
- f) b) and d).

3. Would it be accurate to say that "The Purloined Letter" is about sex or erotic intrigue? True False Briefly explain your answer:

4. In Uncle Tom's Cabin who is the most vicious character _____? Briefly explain your answer.