

Southern Literature Syllabus
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Fayette County Library Lifelong Learning Program

Week 1: What is the South?, Early Southern Literature, and the Civil War

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 6:30-8:00

Readings: “The South: Where Is It? What Is It?” – Reed * [\(Text\)](#)
“Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl” – Jacobs (Norton’s pgs. 125-152)
“Marse Chan” – Page (Norton’s pgs. 310-325)
“Ms. Yardley’s Quilting” Sut Lovingood – Harris * [\(Text\)](#)

Week 2: The Agrarians, The Fugitives, and *Cane*

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6:30-8:00

Readings: “The Sahara of the Bozart” – Mencken (Norton’s pgs. 368-378)
I’ll Take My Stand: “Introduction and Statement of Principles” (Norton’s pgs. 389-396)
“Ode to the Confederate Dead” – Allen Tate (Norton’s pgs. 478-482)
“Lee in the Mountains” – Davidson * [\(Text\)](#)
“Antique Harvesters” - John Crowe Ransom (Norton’s pgs. 398-400)
“Bells for John Whiteside’s Daughter” – John Crowe Ransom (Norton’s pgs. 398-400)
“Old Time Childhood in Kentucky” – Robert Penn Warren (Norton’s pgs. 528-530)
Cane (excerpts) – Jean Toomer (Norton’s pgs. 424-431)

Week 3: Faulkner – The Dixie Limited

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 6:30-8:00

Readings: *As I Lay Dying* – Faulkner
Alternate: “A Rose for Emily” – Faulkner * [\(Text\)](#)
“Barn Burning” – Faulkner * (follow link above)

Week 4: The Second Generation

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 6:30-8:00

Readings: *A Good Man is Hard to Find* (3 stories) – O’Connor
“A Good Man Is Hard to Find”
“The Life You Save May Be Your Own”
“Good Country People”
“Venus Cupid Folly and Time” – Taylor (Norton’s pgs. 760-781)
“A Worn Path” - Eudora Welty * [\(Text\)](#)

Week 5: The Modern South in Literature

Tuesday, October 24, 201, 6:30-8:00

Readings: *I Am One of You Forever* – Chappell
“Charlotte” – Earley
“Everyday Use” – Walker (Norton’s pgs. 1018-1024)
“Shiloh” – Mason (Norton’s pgs. 957-968)

*** Denotes online access. Online access available by following hyperlink in (Text). All other readings will be available for checkout from the front desk at the Fayette County Public Library. “Norton’s” indicates *The Literature of the American South: A Norton Anthology*, which will be available for checkout approximately one week prior to the first class meeting.**