



PECONIC TEACHER CENTER

In-service course-15 hours, one credit

BLACK LIVES MATTER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE

Instructor: Vincent Zangrillo

Dates: Wednesdays, April 3 through June 4, 2019

Where: Room 125 Southampton High School

Time: 3:15-5:15 p.m.

The history of American literature and the culture it represents, and the history of racial relations as an integral part of that culture, have coexisted since the literature's inception at the "Birth of a Nation." Racial discourse in our literature has continued through successive generations to our own. Writers are the artists who are often best able to illuminate our racial sensitivities, sensibilities, tensions, and incongruities, providing us rich insights. In this course, each class will undertake an examination of a single acknowledged masterpiece in our literature, that takes up racial boundaries, racial violence and racial justice (or the lack thereof) as part of its theme. Works were chosen for both their literary and social value.

Through close textual examination of central thematic issues and hopefully, rigorous, invigorating, class discussions, we will examine what these texts offered America at the time they were written, and even more importantly, what they have to say to us today.

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