

## 10th Grade Pre-AP English Midterm Exam Study Guide

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**Literature.** About 50% of the exam will be questions on the literature we studied. This part of the test will be multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions on the individual works. Expect one or more questions asking you to compare and contrast elements of literature (character, setting, theme, etc.) in two or more works. **This part of the test is open-book but not open-notes;** however, you should be familiar with the material and use the books only to refresh your memory quickly. **You will not have time to reread all or even portions of the literature during the test.** Questions will be on the literature listed below.

- "How It Feels to Be Colored Me," Zora Neale Hurston
- Early American literature: Bradford, Bradstreet, Taylor, Edwards, Rowlandson, Winthrop
- "from Declaration of Sentiments" by Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- "Letter to John Adams" by Abigail Adams
- "The Flesh and the Spirit" by Anne Bradstreet
- Puritanism, Rationalism, and Romanticism (basic tenets)
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