	Name	Works	Date
	Captain John Smith	 the first American author. he wrote The General Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles 	1624
	Nicholas Noyes "poet "	- wrote Doggerel verse	
SotSe	Michael Wiggleworth	was known for his best selling poem The Day of Doom	
	John Winthrop	A journal written -> discussed the religious foundations of the Massachusetts Bay Colony	
	Benjamin Franklin	The first widely read American author was Benjamin Franklin, whose witty aphorisms and sound advice written in the yearly journal Poor Richard's Almanack helped shape ideas of what it means to be an American	
	Washington Irving	(The Legend of Sleepy Hollow) was the first American to gain an international literary reputation. often considered the first writer to develop a unique American style (although this has been debated) wrote humorous works in Salmagundi and the satire A History of New York, by Diedrich Knickerbocker	1809
	James Fenimore Cooper's	 verbal landscapes in his Leatherstocking Tales captured the nation's vast beauty Cooper's Leather stocking Tales about Natty Bumppo (which includes The Last of the Mohicans) were popular both in the new country and abroad. - 	

	Edgar Allan Poe	writing short stories – including 1. "The Masque of the Red Death", 2. "The Pit and the Pendulum", 3. "The Fall of the House of Usher", and 4. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" – that explore previously hidden levels of human psychology and push the boundaries of fiction toward mystery and fantasy	
	, William Cullen Bryant	Bryant wrote early romantic and nature-inspired poetry, which evolved away from their European origins	
F. Scott Fitzgerald	Hemingway	writers like Toni Morrison and Cormac McCarthy continue to make American literature relevant and exciting	
		The modernists of the 1920s and 1930s produced such talents as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway	
SOLAT.GO	Mark Twain	Mark Twain still captivates readers with his unique—and uniquely American—humor and insight	
Walt Whitman	Emily	Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson broke from poetic tradition and brought a sense of individuality to the nation's literature	