

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN LAND & LITERATURE.

American literature is predominantly written or produced in English in the United States of America and its preceding colonies. Before the founding of the United States, the British colonies on the eastern coast of the present day United States were heavily influenced by English literature. The American literary tradition thus began as part of the broader tradition of English literature. Like other national literatures the American literature was shaped by the history of the country that produced it. For almost a century and a half, America was nearly a group of colonies scattered along the eastern seaboard of the North America continent. The American literature is the corpus of literary works produced in English language in the United States; we may say that the literature produced on the American land is to be referred to as American literature in general. It depicts the social, political, cultural, and economic dynamism of the United States. It became imperative for them (native inhabitants) to establish themselves as American to talk about their political, cultural dynamics as different from the Britishers. Through American literature, we get to understand how the Native American, for example, the people who were already living on the land, try to establish their identity from the colonisers. The growth and radical development of the United States shaped the literature of the country. America at the turn of the 18th century was not a world power, but by the turn of the 19th century it was. American literature reflects a change with 100 years and how it was shaped. The production of American literature began with the advent of the American Revolution. America was also a British colony, and Americans, the Pilgrim fathers who left England to settle down on the shores of New England, they were persecuted by the religious authority in England; they were Puritans, so they left England to settle down in America. The history of America was largely due to religious persecution. The American Revolution was actually their struggle for independence, and Americans refused to pay tax to the British monarchy because their slogan was: "no taxation without representation" as there was no American representative in the British parliament. The conflict began from there and resulted in a political conflict which became a military conflict. George Washington, the founding father of the American nation, fought with the army on behalf of the American settlers with the Britishers. The American Revolution was an ideological and political revolution which occurred in colonial North America between 1765 and 1783. The American patriots in the 13 colonies defeated the British in the American Revolutionary War, gaining independence from the British Crown and establishing the United States of America, the first modern democracy.