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ENG 3423
Spesialiseringemne/Special subject
Høst/Autumn 2012

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Monday 19th November at 10.00 a.m. at the department office

Innlevering / submission: Senest onsdag 28. november kl. 10.00 på ekspedisjonskontoret ved IFS /
No later than Wednesday 28th November at 10.00 a.m. at the department office

Studiepoeng / credits: 15
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Sensurdato / results: 19. desember 2012 / 19th December 2012

NB! Oppgaven leveres i 2 eksemplarer og kun med kandidatnummer

Merk! Resultene kunngjøres på studweb / N.B.: Results are published on studweb.
A. “Our age is retrospective. It builds the sepulchres of the fathers. It writes biographies, histories, and criticism. The foregoing generations beheld God and nature face to face; we, through their eyes. Why should not we also enjoy an original relation to the universe? Why should not we have a poetry and philosophy of insight and not of tradition, and a religion by revelation to us, and not the history of theirs? Embosomed for a season in nature, whose floods of life stream around and through us, and invite us by the powers they supply, to action proportioned to nature, why should we grope among the dry bones of the past, or put the living generation into masquerade out of its faded wardrobe? The sun shines to-day also. There is more wool and flax in the fields. There are new lands, new men, new thoughts. Let us demand our own works and laws and worship.” Emerson, “Nature” (1836). Discuss some of the core ideas and aesthetic forms that, in your view, characterize American literature of the nineteenth century in English. Your answer should involve detailed attention to the work of TWO or more writers on your pensum.

OR

B. Use your obligatory assignment topic as the starting-point for an essay on core ideas or themes in 19th century American literature.

Your essay should be approximately 4000 words, or 10-12 pages, long. Use 1½ or 2 line spacing, and adopt a consistent style of presentation for footnotes and bibliography, as well as citation (APA; MHRA; Harvard; MLA etc.).