

Dept. of English & Comparative Literature, SJSU
MA Exam Reading List: Group 2

Multiethnic American Literature

Description: This part of the exam focuses on multiethnic American literature. Selected works of significant authors from such groups as African Americans, European Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos, Latinos and American Indians are included to reflect key issues, themes, trends and patterns relating to the study of race and ethnicity.

Readings:

Phillis Wheatley,	<i>Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral</i>
Olaudah Equiano,	<i>Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano</i>
Early American autobiographies:	
Jupiter Hammon,	
Samson Occom,	
William Apess,	<i>Son of the Forest</i>
Harriet Jacobs,	<i>Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl</i>
Frederick Douglass,	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>
Sarah Winnemucca,	<i>Life Among the Piutes</i>
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper,	<i>Poems on Miscellaneous Subjects</i>
Paul Laurence Dunbar,	<i>Life Am</i>

Maxine Hong Kingston,
Toni Morrison,
Art Spiegelman,
David Henry Hwang,
August Wilson,
Junot Diaz,
Sandra Cisneros,
Arturo Islas,
Luis Valdez,
Viet Thanh Nguyen,
Jhumpa Lahiri,
Louise Erdrich,
Sherman Alexie,
Cristina Garcia,

Woman Warrior or China Men or Tripmaster Monkey
Beloved
Maus I and II
M. Butterfly
Fences
Drown or The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
House on Mango Street or Carmelo
The Rain God
Zoot Suit
The Sympathizer
The Interpreter of Maladies
Love Medicine or Tracks
The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven
Dreaming in Cuban

