

## **AJ2RC\_AMLI American Literature 2**

**(kolokvium)**

Spring semester 2006, Friday, room 26, 14:30-15:50

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### **Course goals:**

- explore the 20th century American literature

### **Course materials:**

Kathryn Van Spanckeren. *Outline of American Literature*. USIA, 1994. (See the moodlinka)  
Stuart Sim, ed. *The Routledge Companion to Postmodernism*. London: Routledge, 2001. (See the chapter on postmodernism by Barry Lewis on the moodlinka)

Irena Příbylová. "Americká literatura". In Ivo Pospíšil, ed. *Světové literatury 20. století v kostce*. Praha: Libri, 1999.

Michaela Čaňková. *Open Gates. A Course in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Culture and Literature*. Voznice: Leda, 2005. (The set includes a course book, teacher's book, student's book, and a CD). (see <http://www.Leda.cz>)

Handouts with texts for in-class discussion.

### **Course outline:**

February 24: Introduction to the course; Modernism

March 3: The South and Literature

March 10: The West and Literature

March 17: Postmodernism

March 24: Ethnic Minorities and Literature; Magic Realism

March 31: American Drama

April 7: American Poetry

April 14: Children's and Juvenile Literature; Popular Literature

April 21: your presentations and questions: Ernest Hemingway, F.S. Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, John Steinbeck

April 28: your presentations and questions: Donald Barthelme, Kurt Vonnegut, E.L. Doctorow

May 5: your presentations and questions: Ralph Ellison, Saul Bellow, Joyce Carol Oates

May 12: your presentations and questions: Toni Morrison, Leslie Marmon Silko, Maxine Hong Kingston

May 19: your presentations and questions: Don DeLillo, Tom Robbins, Paul Auster

### **Course requirements:**

- regular participation
- team presentations (instructions will be placed on the moodlinka in time)
- reading journal (will include the names listed above, for details see the moodlinka)
- final project (exploring ELT textbooks and bookstores shelves in search of American literature; details will be placed on the moodlinka by March 31)