



ENGLISH 550 AMERICAN LITERARY RELIGION & THE NATURAL WORLD
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The readings in this class raise Big Questions: about God, our more-than-animal selves, and our place in the non-human living world. We will wrestle with those Big Questions, of course, but we will also raise the question of how literary craft creates and changes our sense of both the sacred and the natural.

Readings: Emerson's *Selected Essays** Annie Dillard's *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
Thoreau's *Walden*+ Marilynne Robinson's *Housekeeping*,
selected Dickinson* Louise Gluck's *Wild Iris*
Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*+

*These readings will not duplicate readings from the 233 American Lit. Survey
+ These readings will expand on & vary from those in the 233 survey