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**Early American Literature**

History / Context Research

**Directions:** Please answer each question in complete sentences for credit. Answer questions fully.

1. Describe the types of stories that Native American tribes and how those stories were passed on.
2. What purpose did storytelling serve in Native American cultures?
3. Who were the Puritans, and why did they come to North America?
4. What kind of writing did the Puritans do, and what was the purpose of storytelling to Puritans?
5. What is Romanticism? Who are 3 American Romantics, and who are 3 British Romantic writers?
6. Who is William Bradford, and what is *Of Plymouth Plantation* about?
7. Thomas Paine and the Founding Fathers in the U.S. wanted a more egalitarian government. What does “egalitarian” mean, and what are some examples of how a constitution / country could be designed to egalitarian?
8. What is the main point of Jonathan Edwards’s sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” and according to historical accounts, how did his audience react to it?
9. When was the U.S. Declaration of Independence ratified, and what was its purpose? When was the U.S. Constitution written, and what was its purpose?
10. Tell me about Washington Irving. ☺