University of Phoenix Material

African American Literature and History Worksheet

Describe the following periods of African American literature and history. You must cite any outside sources used in APA format. Where applicable, provide examples to illustrate your points. Answer each question using 75 to 100 words. Note that Sections I, II, and III are due in Week Three, with Sections IV and V (the entire completed worksheet) due in Week Five.

1. ***Literature of Slavery and Freedom***

What historical events or factors are critical to the development of African American literature within the period?

What cultural experiences affected the development of African American literature within the period?

What literary genres are representative of African American writing from the period? *Literary genres /forms* refers to specific types of writing, such as the poems, spirituals, personal narrative, and so forth. Include vernacular forms where appropriate.

Which authors or literary works are most representative of the period? Which could be called the *voice* of the period?

What literary themes are prevalent during the period? *Themes* cover both topics and attitudes toward topics. Death, for example, might be a theme, but so would fear of death or joy at life after death.

1. ***Literature of the Reconstruction and the New Negro Renaissance***

What historical events or factors are critical to the development of African American literature within the period?

What cultural experiences affected the development of African American literature within the period?

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Which authors or literary works are most representative of the period? Which could be called the *voice* of the period?

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1. ***Literature of the Harlem Renaissance***

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What cultural experiences affected the development of African American literature within the period?

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Which authors or literary works are most representative of the period? Which could be called the *voice* of the period?

What literary themes are prevalent during the period? *Themes* cover both topics and attitudes toward topics. Death, for example, might be a theme, but so would fear of death or joy at life after death.

1. ***Literature from Realism to the Black Arts Era***

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What cultural experiences affected the development of African American literature within the period?

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Which authors or literary works are most representative of the period? Which could be called the *voice* of the period?

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1. ***Literature of the Modern Era***

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What cultural experiences affected the development of African American literature within the period?

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Which authors or literary works are most representative of the period? Which could be called the *voice* of the period?

What literary themes are prevalent during the period? *Themes* cover both topics and attitudes toward topics. Death, for example, might be a theme, but so would fear of death or joy at life after death.