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TEMATICKÁ OBLAST	Americká literatura
PŘEDMĚT	Anglický jazyk
ANOTACE	Prezentace slouží studentům k osvojení si základních faktů týkajících se literatury USA.
METODIKA	Nutná pomůcka: projekční technika
CÍLOVÁ SKUPINA (TŘÍDA/ROČNÍK)	Žák (prima – sexta)
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US literature – the beginnings

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- Jamestown 1607 – only 3,000 colonists from Portugal and Spain and England
- Native Americans did not have much written work their stories and beliefs were handed down from generation to generation.
- During the 1700s immigrant population expanded westwards – conflicts with Native Indians - **James Fenimore Cooper** – The Last of the Mohicans
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19th century

- 1860 Civil war – abolition of slavery – variety of writers was busy during this period

- **Edgar Allan Poe** – considered to be a father of horror stories and crime fiction – The Fall of the House of Usher
- **Herman Melville** – real experience as a sailor in his novel Moby Dick
- **Mark Twain** – an entertaining writer, introduced life along the Mississipi river in his time The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

- **Video** – E.A.Poe – **The Raven**
- https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTKHobA9pX0sHrTwpMseHnnDfABCzt6zC_H0zwczF_VzWwqtIHLXg

19th century poets

- **Walt Whitman** used free verse and celebrated nature and human – self in his poetry
- **Emily Dickinson** – short poems about love, death and God
- **Jack London** adventurous books from the period of Gold Rush

20th century

- Social problems – prohibition, child labour

- **Francis Scott Fitzgerald** – **The Great Gatsby** – the novel depicts rich and mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby living in a fictional town of West Egg and his love to beautiful Daisy Buchanan during jazz age… living their American Dream
- **William Faulkner** – describes American South and how slavery influenced the present

- Video – The Great Gatsby – summary http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6Iu29TNfkM

Lost Generation

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- Generation of writers living and writing between WW1 and WW2 experienced disillusionment after the WW1
- **Ernest Hemingway** – novels and short stories about soldiers and other men in action
- A Nobel Prize winner
- A Farewell to Arms
- The Old Man and the Sea

- Video – E. Hemingway http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JQDe0GCNHg

Great Depression

- **John Steinbeck** – describes social problems and poor working class people in his novels
- Of Mice and Man, Grapes of Wrath
- Some authors used their war experiences in their novels…
- **Joseph Heller** – Catch 22 a satirical novel about military life
- **William Styron** – Sophie‘s Choice

Post WW2 period

- In the 1950s and 1960s social changes continued, many people concentrated on their families and children but not all
- **Beat Generation** – a literary movement and its authors rejected traditional society, family and looked for new experiences through drugs, Eastern mysticism and jazz and rock and roll music

Beat Generation writers

- **Jack Kerouac** – On the road – a trip across the USA
- **Allen Ginsberg** –
- **William S. Burroughs**
- celebrated non-conformity and spontaneous creativity
- Beatnik – Hippie
- Video – Beat generation http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6JqjCB_7_I

1980s in the USA

- **Jerome David Salinger** – The Catcher in the Rye – a story of a sensitive teenager who runs away from his school
- **Ken Kesey** – One Flew over the Cockoo‘s Nest
- made into an Oscar winning movie directed by Miloš Forman
- **Toni Morisson** – a Nobel Prize winner
- African American writer, deals with problems of racism, child abuse and slavery – The Bluest Eye
- **Stephen King** – a popular novelist and horror writer

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