

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ENGL 304 Department: English

Course Title: African-American Literature Semester: Spring Year: 1999

Objectives/Competencies

Course Objective	Competencies
1. To develop awareness of the relationship between a culture and its literature.	1. Recognize the influence of slavery and the oral tradition on the development of African -American literature.
2. To make students aware of the historical-cultural context of the works of major African-American authors.	1. Show an understanding of how U.S. history contributed to the varying philosophical thought of major African-American authors.
3. To improve interpretive reading skills.	1. To demonstrate in discussion and in writing the ability to recognize thematic elements as they relate to African-American culture.
4. To improve interpretive writing skills.	1. Critical analytical essay and journal entries reflecting course materials.
5. To introduce students to the characteristics of the literary styles of various authors.	1. Recognize the influences of history, location on the writing style (i.e., 18 th century British culture life) on early slave narrative.