



Honors American Literature

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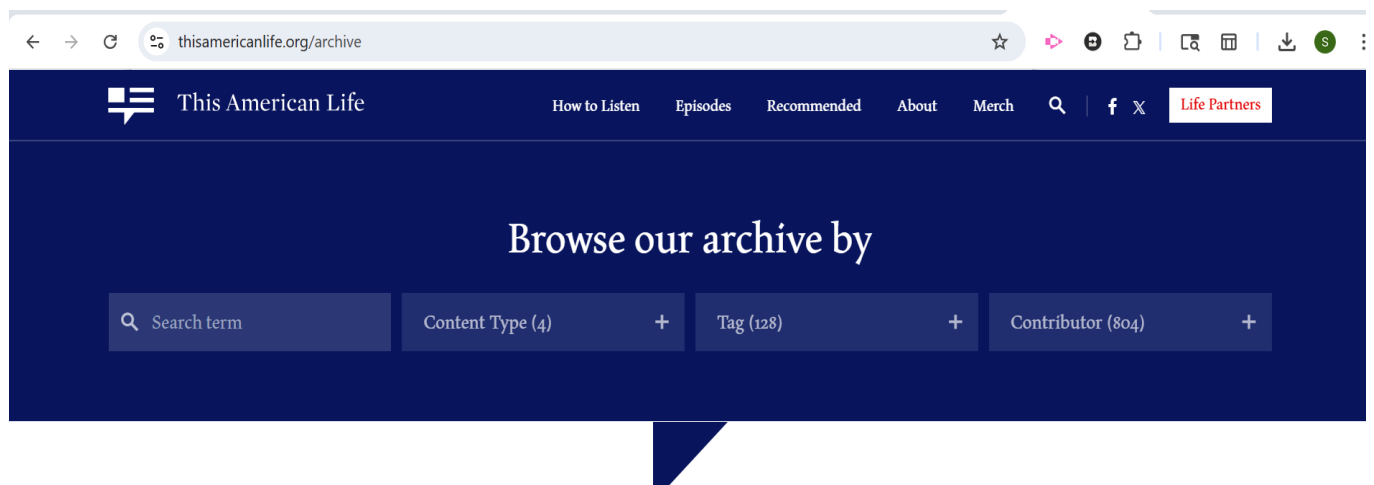
I am so glad that you decided to challenge yourself by taking this class. This year, I am redesigning the course to focus even more on critical thinking, discussion, and making meaningful connections between literature, history, media, and the world around us.

Text:

Choose five (5) episodes of the podcast *This American Life* to listen to. Choose episodes that either you find personally interesting or you have some connection to.

How to Find Episodes:

Go to [ThisAmericanLife.org](https://thisamericanlife.org); select “Archive.” You will be able to search all episodes going all the way back to 1996.



Assignment:

Create a listening log for each episode. An example log is below.

Date:	Episode Title and Date Aired:	
Main Topic:	Summary of Episode (5 – 7 sentences):	Personal Reflection (5- 7 sentences): Explain your personal thoughts about the episode. Some reflection ideas: • What surprised you most? • Did this episode change your perspective? • What would you have done in this situation? • How does this connect to American society today? • Did this remind you of another text, event, or personal experience?
Discussion Question: Write one overall open-ended question that the class could use in a Socratic Seminar over this episode.		