American literature, literature in English produced in what is now the United States [1] of America. *Colonial Literature* American writing began with the work of English adventurers and colonists in the New World chiefly for the benefit of readers in the mother country. From the beginning, however, the literature of New England was also directed to the edification and instruction of the colonists themselves, intended to direct them in the ways of the godly. The first work published in the Puritan colonies was the Bay Psalm Book (1640), and the whole effort of the divines who wrote furiously to set forth their views among them Roger Williams and Thomas Hooker was to defend and promote visions of the religious state. If you are searching for History of English Literature pdf, please scroll down. It’s there below. The Miracle plays were banned in England because of the teachings of the Roman Catholic. The language of the play shifted to English because that made the play less religious. Moreover, they were performing in town festivals. Most plays were about Saint Nicolas and Virgin Marry. (B) Morality Plays In morality plays, the protagonist of the play generally meets various moral attributes through personification. The other characters in the play signify moral qualities and the hero of the play represents mankind and humanity. Supporting characters in the play are personifications of either good o