American Studies Reading List  
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**Theory/Overview of the Field:**  
Lucy Maddox, *Locating American Studies*  
John Carlos Rowe, *The New American Studies*  
---, *Post-Nationlist American Studies*  
Daniel Pease and Wiegman, *The Future of American Studies*  

**Method:**  
Krista Comer, *Landscapes of the New West*  
Stephen Tatum, *Inventing Billy the Kid*  

**Classics:**  
Henry Nash Smith, *The Virgin Land*  
Leo Marx, *The Machine in the Garden*  
William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*  
Frederick Jackson Turner, “The Significance of the Frontier in American History”  
Faragher and Jackson, *Rereading Frederick Jackson Turner*  
Leslie Fiedler, *The Collected Essays of Leslie Fiedler Vol. 1*  
---, *Return of the Vanishing American*  

**Recent and Exceptional Works:**  
Lawrence Buell, *The Environmental Imagination*
Lee Clark Mitchell, *Witness to a Vanishing America*

Louis Menand, *American Studies*

Richard Slotkin, *Regeneration Through Violence*

Kaplan and Pease, *Cultures of United States Imperialism*

Mike Davis, *City of Quartz*

---, *Ecology of Fear*

Jane Tompkins, *West of Everything*

Philip Deloria, *Indians in Unexpected Places* (methodology)

---, *Playing Indian*

Annette Kolodny, *The Lay of the Land*

Lucy Maddox, *Citizens Indians: Native American Intellect*

---, *Race and Reform*

Gloria Anzaldúa, *Borderlands/La Frontera*

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki, *Farewell to Manzanar and Related Readings*, (McDougal Littell).

J.B. Jackson, *Landscape in Sight*

Chris Wilson and Groth, *Everyday America: Cultural Landscapes after J.B. Jackson*