



AP English Literature

Grade Levels: 11, 12

****College Level Course****

**** English Regents Exam at the end of Grade 11****



Full Year: 1 Credit

In the AP English Literature and Composition course, which is a college-level literature course, students devote themselves to the study of literary works written in—or translated into—English. Careful reading and critical analysis of such works of fiction, drama, and poetry, written by diverse authors who write about diverse human experiences, provide rich opportunities for students to develop an appreciation of the ways in which literature reflects and comments on a range of experiences, institutions, and social structures. Students will examine the choices literary writers make and the techniques they utilize to achieve purposes and generate meanings. For more information, [here is the link](#) to the College Board's Course Description Guide for AP English Literature and Composition.

How is the course structured?

Course Components

- Three broad modules based on the three AP Lit. writing tasks: poetry analysis, prose analysis, and literary argument. Frequent reading and writing, journaling, mini-lessons, extended essays, on-demand essays, Socratic seminars, student presentations, frequent interactive group work, class participation expected and required.

Course Grade Based On:

- Essay assessments, regular participation in discussion, individual and small group activities, quizzes, student presentations and projects.

What can I expect?

Course Workload:

- As a college-level course, the workload is considerable. Students should expect regular reading assignments that require annotation and written reflection. Long-range assignments, like essays, are assigned in advance and require time-management skills. Students need to be organized and prepared for each class session. Active participation in class is necessary for success.

Homework Frequency:

- Regular. Generally close-reading assignments or written assignments.

Type of Homework:

- Reading, writing, revising, research

Major Projects:

- Group presentations
- Extended essays written in and out of class.
- In-Class timed essays in preparation for AP Literature exam
- In-Class multiple choice “bootcamps” which help students prepare for the AP Literature exam.

Text Titles May Include

- *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, Carson McCullers; *Salvage the Bones*, Jesmyn Ward; *Macbeth*, William Shakespeare; *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller; *Fences*, August Wilson; *The Dew Breaker*, Edwidge Danticat, various poems and student-choice novels written by diverse authors that explore a range of topics. Any writing that models effective literary techniques is fair game in the AP Literature course.

Additional Information:

- The AP Literature and Composition Exam is administered nationally in May.
- There are fees associated with the AP Exam.
- The NYS English Regents exam serves as the course's final exam for juniors.