

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Q: What is the course?

A: It is a college freshman composition course offered at high school.

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A: Students primarily read and write non-fiction (essays, letters, speeches, etc.), learning rhetorical analysis and argumentation.

Q: What are the major assignments?

A: Students write 5-7 essays each semester. During the first semester, students read at least one weekly selection and complete a rhetorical and/or style analysis.

Q: How much homework will there be?

A: Homework varies depending on the unit of study. Students will usually have 2-3 homework assignments a week. These assignments could be reading and analysis, responding to a writing prompt, or completing research.

Q: What is the extended reading requirement?

A: Students must read at least one novel per quarter selected from an AP approved list and share a quarterly synopsis. As a class, we also read one play and one novel by American Authors: *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Q: What is the summer work and when is it due?

A: Summer assignments involve reading and responding to two novels and writing one essay upon return to school. Students will also take tests on the novels the first week of school.

Q: What is the AP exam?

A: Students who take the course are expected to take the AP exam in May. It is a three-hour exam which includes a one-hour, 45 question multiple-choice non-fiction reading section and a two-hour, three essay section. It costs approximately \$98, but students may earn up to three semester college units if they pass the exam. Colleges and Universities differ on passing score criteria.

Q: What are the predictors for success in the course?

A: Students will have achieved an A grade in English 1 and English 2 or an A or B in Advanced English 1 or 2.