

Plymouth Regional High School
Teacher's Name: Mr. Amtmann
Department: English

Course Syllabus for 2025 – 2026

Course Title: AP English Literature and Composition

Length of Course: 1 year (1 credit)

Prerequisite(s): English 11-3 or 11 AP Language and Composition

Course Description: AP English Literature and Composition is an introductory college-level literary analysis course. Students cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works

English Competencies

- Students will demonstrate the ability to closely and critically comprehend, analyze, and critique a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print literary and informational texts.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to produce effective writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to employ effective speaking and listening skills for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Students will engage in research/inquiry to investigate topics and to analyze, integrate, and present information.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to use the tools of technology (including digital media and the internet) to gather, interpret, and analyze information and create shareable products.

Titles: May include *The Kite Runner*, *Hamlet*, *Song of Solomon*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, *Crime and Punishment*, *Metamorphosis*, *Frankenstein*, *The Round House*, *The Stranger*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and other AP level titles, including selected short stories and poetry.

Assessments: Essay tests, objective tests, quizzes, papers, projects, homework, and oral presentations. English rubric is used in grading writing assignments.

Vision of the Graduate

PRIDE and tradition, two cornerstones in the foundation of our school culture, are a legacy from our past and a vision for our future. Plymouth Regional High School is committed to preparing students to become productive and engaged citizens in a global community. Therefore, in addition to acquiring a core body of knowledge through local curriculum that reflects state and national standards, all students will develop the following skills and dispositions.

- **P**actical Skills and Personal Growth
- **R**esponsibility and Respect
- **I**nnovation and Critical Thinking
- **D**iversity and Awareness
- **E**ngagement and Communication

Grading Criteria: You will be assessed in four areas of learning. Within each area of learning, homework/classwork is worth 10 points, quizzes are worth 100 points, and tests are worth 200 points.

40% **Reading:** Ability to comprehend, infer, and analyze writing

40% **Writing:** Ability to write effective, clear prose in a well-organized format

10% **Language Usage:** Ability to recognize and use vocabulary and grammar

10% **Presenting:** Ability to present ideas and information through speech or visual format

Artificial Intelligence:

Artificial intelligence and other assistance is acceptable when used as a copy editor to check spelling, grammar, usage, and mechanics; however, the use of AI to generate words or phrases; suggest or construct sentences, paragraphs, papers, or poems (in whole or in part); develop outlines or ideas, or for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Prohibited use of AI as delineated above will result in consequences, as it will be construed as academic dishonesty. When AI use has been deemed appropriate for use by a teacher for a specific assignment, its use should be documented just as any other source according to rules of MLA format. Failure to do so is to present another's work as one's own, which is plagiarism, a serious breach of academic integrity.

Attendance:

If you are ever absent you will be responsible for the material covered that day as well as any assignments.

Tardy to class:

The first tardy will be given a verbal warning. The next two are after school detentions. Any further will be handled by administration.

Materials: Bring your fully-charged Chromebook to class each day, along with something to write with and a folder to keep handouts.

Classroom rules:

1. No hate speech is allowed (this includes swearing).
2. No hats, no cell phones, no headphones.
3. No class disruptions, including talking when asked to be quiet.
4. No lining up by the door at the end of class.

My Rules:

1. I will treat you each with respect.
2. I will always listen to you.
3. I will make time to help you.
4. I will make class exciting and engaging.

Late Work/Retakes:

Late work is only accepted due to an absence. Retakes are allowed for most assignments.

Extra Help:

If you ever need any help or advice, I am available after school most every day till 2:50 pm in room 309. I am also available Block A2 and B4, just let me know ahead of time if possible.