

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Language and Composition!

I am so excited to embark on this journey with you. Here are some things to know and remember regarding this course:

- AP English Language and Composition is ONE semester and will be offered in both Fall and Spring semesters.
- The AP Exam is only administered in the Spring. (You can figure out what that means for you if you are enrolled in the Fall section of the class.)
- AP Language and Composition can count in one of two ways:
 - It can replace the requirement for American Literature (11th grade English).
 - It can count as an elective if American Literature credit has already been earned.

Either way, this course is weighted as are all AP classes.

Required Reading: Read and annotate *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Be prepared to discuss the related features of fiction and nonfiction writing.

Note: Although this is summer reading, some of you will not interact with this text until the Spring semester. Take notes in a way that allows you to thoroughly revisit the novel in January.

Suggested Reading/Review: If you prefer a physical study guide for AP Exam review, I like Barron's, The Princeton Review, or the Cliff Notes version of AP English Language and Composition Preparation manual (2021 or newer)

Note: The AP Exam was revised in 2020. Be sure to choose a study manual that reflects the updated testing targets.

This will be an adventure for all of us, and I am thrilled that we get to do it together. Happy summer and happy reading!

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