

ADVANCED PLACEMENT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE CLASSES

In both courses, students will learn

- To handle the rigors of a college English curriculum
- To read and write extensively
- To participate in small- and large-group deep discussions about reading assignments
- To analyze the writing style and content of published authors
- To evaluate their own writing according to an AP rubric
- To meaningfully participate in peer reviews of student writing
- To actively participate in teacher-facilitated writing conferences
- To read and analyze college-level fiction and nonfiction
- To emulate great writers and to use them as “writing coaches”
- To study and apply academic vocabulary
- To appreciate the value of choice reading
- To analyze the form and function of the National Exam

Differences Between AP English Courses

AP Language and Composition students will focus on:

- Nonfiction pieces, such as essays, speeches, ads and memoirs
- Rhetorical devices used by authors in their craft
- Analysis and writing of high literary merit
- Written analysis of letters, speech excerpts, propaganda, and complete works of non-fiction.
- Analysis and argumentative writing including essays, memoirs, and journals.
- A mixture of pieces written by authors worldwide and spanning many centuries: ranging from Plato to The Constitution to current events newspaper articles and speeches.
- A study of argumentative theory
- The appreciate for all types of writing

AP Literature and Composition students will focus on:

- imaginative literature, such as short stories, novels, drama, and poetry
- literary devices used by authors in their craft
- analysis and writing about works of high literary merit
- written analyses of poetry, prose excerpts, and complete works
- creative writing, including poetry, short stories, and drama
- a mixture of American and world literature that includes writers from each of the following categories: female, ethnic minority, contemporary, and pre-twentieth century
- a study of literary theory
- the appreciation for all types of literature