

Course Description

ADVANCED PLACEMENT*: AP English Language

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The academic objectives of this course adhere to those outlined by the College Board in preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam in Language and Composition. AP Language and Composition explores the relationship between what authors say and how they are trying to say it. The literary component of the course provides a range of genres, including nonfiction, fiction, drama and poetry, and in the analysis of these works students are exposed to the analysis of both style—the more language-based approach to exploring meaning—and rhetoric—the analysis of author argument and structure. In terms of style, students will explore how elements of language—such as tone, diction, and syntax—influence the overall meaning. In terms of rhetoric, students will examine various appeals, aspects of writer's credibility, irony, and the overall use of logic to explore how effectively an author presents her/his position.

In any aspect of analysis, students are obliged to consider what the author's overall theme is. By understanding the purpose of a piece of writing, we recognize the elements of language as an integral too with which authors develop their work.

Writing assignments cover both the expository and argumentative aspects of writing. In addition to the exploration of American and global themes of literature, students will discern how styles of writers have evolved over the last several centuries.

PREREQUISITES: Sophomore English.

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters or Block

REQUIRED TEXT: Selected Readings, available online or at your local library.

COURSE OUTLINE: Socrates - Meno

1. *Measure for Measure*
2. *The American Dream - The Great Gatsby*
3. Nonfiction: Past and Present
4. Nonfiction and AP - Exam
5. *Coming to America*
6. American Poetry
7. Independent Reading
8. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
9. *The Portrait of Youth*
10. Satire
11. Review
12. Research Project

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