



AP English Literature and Composition

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Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition is a college-level course in composition and literary analysis. The course involves intensive study of numerous authors, genres, and historical periods. Analysis through discussion and writing will focus on an author's use of literary and stylistic techniques and how these elements combine to create a literary work which offers insight into the human condition.

We are all about reading and writing in this class, so expect lots of practice with both! We read whole class texts as well as texts of choice. In-class, timed literary analysis essays occur on a frequent basis--some will serve as practice and some as assessment. The goal of English 12AP is to teach students how to critically read literature independently, which means not relying on an online source to tell you what the symbols, the themes, and the motifs are. Anybody can Google literature—you will learn to analyze it!

College Credit: If you earn an AP Exam score of 3 or higher, chances are you can receive credit, advanced placement or both from your college — nearly all colleges and universities in the United States, grant credit and placement for AP scores or acknowledge AP scores in the admission process. Entering college with credit you've already earned through AP can save both time and money. With a head start on your degree, you may have the flexibility to move into upper-level courses sooner, pursue a double major or study abroad. The AP credit policy varies by college--review this information by using the [AP Credit Policy Search](#), but make sure to confirm it on the college's website since policies can change.

NMSI Grant Perks: While we are under the NMSI grant, you will receive a discounted exam fee for this course and \$100 for a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam. NMSI also provides free Saturday review sessions throughout the school year to help you earn that passing score and collect that \$100!

PreRequisites: Students who are successful in English 12AP have typically been successful in English 9 and 10 Honors and either 11 Honors or 11AP. In order of importance, students should have

- an interest in reading, analyzing and writing about literature
- a strong work ethic
- an appropriate writing level

The books that help you most are those which make you think the most. The hardest way of learning is that of easy reading, but a great book that comes from a great thinker is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and beauty.

--Pablo Neruda