SHOULD I TAKE AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION?





WHAT IS AP LANG?

- This is a college level English course that focuses on critical reading, thinking, and writing.
- The course examines rhetoric (persuasion) and consists of 3 main units based on the 3 essays required on the AP Exam.
 - Rhetorical Analysis- examining someone else's argument and analyzing what specific language choices he or she used to persuade the audience and why.
 - Argument- creating your own arguments based on a given concept and supporting your claim based on information you have from reading, knowledge, observation, and experiences.
 - Synthesis- creating an argument based on sources provided to you.



WHO SHOULD TAKE AP LANG?

- Are you a current 10th or 11th grade student?
- Do you have an A or a B in your current Honors English class?
- Are you planning on going to college?
- Are you a dedicated student with a strong work ethic?
- Are you looking for strategies on how to write higher-level essays?
- Would you like to improve your existing writing skills?
- Would you like to improve your critical reading and thinking skills?
- Would you like to be a more informed citizen?
- Would you like to explore the hidden meanings behind what people say?
- Would you like to learn about and discuss issues that might be considered controversial?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- The class is discussion based and you need to feel comfortable participating in those discussions.
- There is a required summer assignment that leads into our first unit. It is NOT the county onepager, it is developed by your teacher and is essential for your success in this course.
- There is an expectation to read!
- This is not an "easy A" and your focus should not be about your weighted GPA or that it looks good on a college application. It's the learning that makes it worthwhile!
- Sometimes we talk about controversial topics, and you need to have a level of maturity that allows this to occur.



THE AP TEST

- The AP Language & Composition Exam consists of:
 - 50-55 multiple choice questions (this is where your critical reading comes into play)
 - Rhetorical Analysis Essay
 - Argument Essay
 - Synthesis Essay

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK ABOUT AP LANG???



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Class of 2020



"Originally I wasn't going to take AP Lang but after some convincing from Mrs. Green I went through with it and it was the most beneficial class I took in high school by far. It not only is interesting and allows students to speak their mind and develop their opinions, but also teaches valuable writing skills that are currently serving me very well in my college career"

-DW

Class of 2020



"AP Lang taught me the importance of language and how critical we should be of the words and specific choices we make and use. I enjoyed the media-driven aspect of the class because it hepled to connect the classroom content with real-life examples around us. I learned so much about not only persuasive writing and language, but about myself as a writer and consumer of communication every day. This class has inspried me in many ways to pursue my career choice of education and think critically of the information I am learning while in college."

-IP

Class of 2018



"This is the class where you learn how language impacts the world. You'll learn to argue about real world problems and see things from different perspectives as you dive into topics with Mrs. Green and your peers."



STUDENT SAMPLES: VISUAL ARGUMENTS AND TOPICS











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Manipulation Intimidation Seduction Humiliation Money Threats Fear Coercion Exploitation



Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

CHILD TRAFFICKING

STOPCHILD TRAFFICKING



Wake Up!



- If you want to be better prepared for college...
- If you want to grow as a thinker and writer...
- If you want to be able to express your opinions on a variety of topics...
- If you are willing to put in the work and commitment...
- If you have a growth mindset...
- If you aren't afraid to step out of your comfort zone...
- Then take AP Language & Composition

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION, PLEASE TALK TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR EMAIL MRS. GREEN NGREEN@CCBOE.COM