

## Who should take an AP Language and Composition class?

- Students who want to invest in their future
- Students who are interested in improving reading and writing skills beyond the regular curriculum
- Students who want a challenge
- Students who want to debate and discuss intellectually stimulating material



## AP Language and Composition

### How do I succeed in an AP Language and Composition class?

- Stay on top of material
- Follow rubric/guides/calendar
- Trust yourself
- Manage your time

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## Why take AP Language and Composition?

Develop rhetorical analysis skills

Sharpen critical reading skills

Prepare for AP exam

Receive college credit

Develop speaking and presentation skills

Experience college-level work



## COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Bolster students' powers of expression, both in oral and written communication
- Improve students' critical reading and writing skills
- Introduce students to literary classics and modern masterpieces, covering the gamut of modern writing in different literary genres, styles, and contexts
- Promote an international perspective through the comparative study of works from the students' own culture and other cultures
- Heighten students' awareness of: authorial intention, literary criticism, literary lenses, literary and rhetorical terms, and intertextual relationships among texts
- Prepare students to successfully pass the AP Language Exam
- Promote in students an enjoyment of, and lifelong interest in, literature and language

## COURSE TOPICS:

### Material Covered—Semester 1

Literary & Rhetorical Terms

*Walden* Unit

Visual Rhetoric

*An American Childhood* Unit

AP Prep

*College Readiness* Unit

### Material Covered—Semester 2

Literary & Rhetorical Terms

Extended Essay Unit

*Siddhartha* Unit

AP Prep

*Metamorphosis* Unit

AP Mock Exam



## COURSE GRADES:

### Essays (100 points)

Summer Reading Project

Rhetorical Analysis Essay

Argument Essay

Extended Research Essay

Synthesis Essay

### Other Assessments

Rhetorical Devices quizzes/tests

Group Presentations

Reading Comprehension