



Mill Valley High School

Pre-AP/AP/Honors to Grade Level Course Comparison

Below is a comparison of the Pre-AP/AP/Honors classes to grade level classes. This document is to provide your family with information to aid in your decision making process.

AP Language and Composition vs. English 11

	AP Language and Composition	English 11
Summer Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read one non-fiction book. ● Read multiple essays and respond to multiple questions in writing. ● Complete multiple ACT preparational items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homework is given most days, and consists of reading and written responses. Generally speaking, it takes 45 minutes to an hour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homework is given occasionally. Some consecutive nights of assigned reading.
Rigor of Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Many pre- and 20th-century texts read in and outside of class. ● One full length novel to be read outside of class. ● In-depth analysis of a wide variety of non-fiction. ● In depth discussion of a variety of current topics, including articles we will read regarding race, gender, and class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readings focus on American literature, and focus on classics. ● Full-class texts read partly in class. ● Analysis of a wide variety of texts with support.
Rigor of Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on academic writing ● Emphasis on timed writings -- 30-40 timed essays per year. ● Five formal, 3 ex essays per year. ● Multi-paragraph writing will occur daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on academic writing ● Generally, one formal essay per quarter. ● Occasional journal writing and in class responses.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College and career readiness. ● Weighted credit ● Colleges look for the rigor that is represented by AP courses. ● Preparation for AP Language and Composition exam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preparation for English 12. ● College and career readiness