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# AP Course Catalog

Innovation Academy  
2024-2025 School Year



# AP English Literature

Student Reported Workload	Teacher Report Workload
4 Hours Per Week	3-5 Hours Per Week

<b>Pre-requisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An 80 or above in current English class (unweighted)</li><li>- Recommendation in Infinite Campus from current ELA teacher</li></ul>
<b>Course Summary</b>	AP English Literature teaches students to read and analyze works of literature and poetry. Students will cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works. <b>AP Lit is both reading and writing intensive.</b>
<b>Essential Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students who take AP Lit should have a passion for reading and discussion and be prepared to dedicate time to reading multiple novels throughout the year</li><li>• Can engage in close reading and advanced analysis of works from a variety of genres and time periods</li><li>• Can organize thoughts and writing in focused, clear, and coherent language</li><li>• Are prepared to write often</li><li>• Can thoughtfully contribute to discussions</li><li>• Have strong time management and organizational skills</li></ul>

# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIT & LANG

- + AP Lit focuses on analyzing literature and poetry; Lang focuses on analyzing rhetoric
- + AP English Literature teaches you to read and analyze works of literature and poetry with different lenses - for example, looking at how an author creates meaning through characterization, tone, or POV.
- + You will work to discover a work's theme or intent via use of literary devices, as opposed to analyzing its argument or effectiveness.
- + AP Lit is both reading and writing intensive

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR AP LIT

- Students who take AP Lit should have a passion for reading and discussion and be prepared to dedicate time to reading multiple novels throughout the year (*you really need to love reading!*)
- Can engage in (and enjoy) close reading and advanced analysis of works from a variety of genres and time periods
- Can organize thoughts and writing in focused, clear, and coherent language (*aka you're a strong communicator and writer*)
- You're prepared to write often
- You enjoy and almost always thoughtfully contribute to discussions
- You currently have strong time management and organizational skills and are self-motivated

# WHAT DO WE READ?

+ In previous years, we've read:

+ *Atonement*

+ *Heart of Darkness*

+ *Othello*

+ *Frankenstein*

+ *A Streetcar Named Desire*

+ *The Kite Runner*

+ *Wuthering Heights*

+ *Pachinko*

+ *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

+ Man Booker Prize winners

And tons of poetry!

# WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

- + Books and allusions that you learn about in this class will help you in your college classes (and in life, of course!)
- + Intelligent, thought-provoking discussions - the books we read all deal with what it means to be human, so we have lots of discussions about the ins and outs of what makes us who we are, both good and bad.
  - + To be successful in AP Lit, a strong sense of empathy is critical - must be able to put yourself in another's shoes and try to understand them
  - + Very few things in literature (or life) are black and white and there are no easy answers...

# WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

- + We read GOOD stuff!
  - + The books we read will be different than other texts that you've read in school—they are complex, mature, interesting, and really give us something to talk about
- + A true college atmosphere.
  - + This class isn't really lecture-based and depends upon you coming prepared and ready to engage. If you're not willing to ask questions, work outside of class, push yourself, and really dig in, think twice. On the flip side, because you're willing to put in the effort, we get to have a true, college-style class—full of discussions!

# A Note on AP Classes

- + Take what interests you - AP classes require too much work, time management, and investment to be stuck in classes that you dislike simply because there's an "AP" label on it.
- + Make sure you look at your schedule holistically – there are only so many hours available after school and many AP classes require 3-5 hours of work outside of the classroom per week. Do the math to make sure that your proposed schedule is realistically possible.

Your mental health is important!