



AP English Literature and Composition CURRICULUM

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Course Information

High School Full Year Course

Course Description:

One of the goals of Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition is to reinforce the literacy skills taught in Honors English I, Honors English II, and AP Language and Composition while beginning to prepare students for the challenging reading and writing they will encounter in college and life beyond high school. Students will read and analyze multiple genres of Literature, including fiction, drama, and works of poetry. Students will focus on practicing all communication skills, including reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and finding and interpreting information. They will also be expected to combine their knowledge and experience by reflecting, exploring, and generating new ideas to solve problems and make decisions. They will study a wide variety of literature that focuses on self-exploration and expanding students' knowledge and acceptance of the variety of human experiences and cultures. They will also practice effectively communicating their ideas and experiences to others through both speaking and writing. A capstone project in the course involves learning and applying every step of writing a college research paper, so students will be prepared to write in any content area they choose to study beyond high school. Additionally, students will participate in rigorous course activities to help prepare them for the Advanced Placement test.

Curriculum Standards: [AP English Literature and Composition Course at a Glance](#)

Curriculum Resource(s): *The AMSCO Advanced Placement Edition of English Literature and Composition*, authored by B. Abdon and R. McFarlan, and published by Perfection Learning, [2022]

Foster, T.C., *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines*. Harper Perennial [2014]

Curriculum Link: The curriculum for AP English Literature and Composition is published by The College Board and is linked here: [AP English Literature and Composition Curriculum](#)

