

# AP Language and Composition

## Course Overview

*From the course description: "AP English Language and Composition cultivates the reading and writing skills that students need for college success and for intellectually responsible civic engagement."*

### Skills Covered:

	READING	WRITING
<b>Rhetorical Situation</b>	Explain how writers' choices reflect the components of the rhetorical situation.	Make strategic choices in a text to address the rhetorical situation.
<b>Claims and Evidence</b>	Identify and describe the claims and evidence of an argument.	Analyze and select evidence to develop and refine a claim.
<b>Reasoning and Organization</b>	Describe the reasoning, organization, and development of an argument.	Use organization and commentary to illuminate the line of reasoning in an argument.
<b>Style</b>	Explain how writers' stylistic choices contribute to the purpose of an argument.	Select words and use elements of composition to advance an argument.

### Types of Writing:

- **Analysis:** You will learn how to read and analyze a passage using different close reading techniques so that you can identify and author's purpose and explain the rhetorical strategies used to convince an audience.
- **Synthesis:** You will learn how to use sources to develop and advance an argument. You will learn how to use sources in combination with one another to build support or to refute a counterclaim.
- **Argument:** You will refine your ability to take a position on a topic and to develop evidence to support your position.

### A successful AP Language and Composition student:

- Is organized and self-motivated.
- Will complete reading assignments during and outside of class.
- Wants to improve his or her writing skills.
- Is willing to complete work independently or to work in groups.

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# AP Literature and Composition

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*From the course description:* “AP English Literature and Composition cultivates students’ ability to read, analyze, and write about imaginative literature through careful interpretation of literary texts.”

READING	WRITING
<b>Character</b> – Analyze how characters develop and interact within a text.	Write essays analyzing character development and meaning.
<b>Setting</b> – Explain how setting shapes a literary work.	Use textual evidence to support interpretations of setting.
<b>Structure</b> – Describe how plot and structure contribute to meaning.	Organize ideas clearly to develop a literary argument.
<b>Narration</b> – Identify point of view and narrative techniques.	Use commentary to explain how narrative choices affect meaning.
<b>Figurative Language</b> – Analyze imagery, symbolism, and figurative language.	Incorporate literary devices to strengthen analysis.

### Types of Writing

- **Poetry Analysis:** Closely read poems and explain how literary elements and techniques contribute to meaning.
- **Prose Analysis** Analyze passages from fiction, focusing on narrative techniques, character, and structure.
- **Literary Argument** Develop an interpretation of a work and support it with strong textual evidence.

### A Successful AP Literature Student

- Is an active and thoughtful reader
- Completes reading assignments in and out of class
- Engages in discussion and shares interpretations
- Works independently and collaboratively
- Wants to strengthen analytical writing skills

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