AP English Literature 2026-2027

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AP Literature is not only a college-level English course that challenges student's interpretation skills, it is a chance for each student to reflect on their values and intentions before joining the wider world as a high school graduate.

Expectations:
AP classes, though administered in high schools, are intended to be equivalent to the courses offered to college freshmen. In light of this, the reading material, discussions, and written work produced by the student are expected to reflect mature ideas some consider beyond the scope of high school. In keeping with the college learning experience, any specific objections to material or discussion should first be addressed to Mrs. Ward by the student. Parental involvement is welcome if the issue cannot be resolved between teacher and student.

Novels we will study as a class:

- *A Raisin in the Sun* Lorraine Hansberry (summer reading)
- *Frankenstein* Mary Shelley (1818 version only) Approx date: September 2nd - October 7th
- *Brave New World* Aldous Huxley Approx date: October 9th - November 3rd
- *12 Angry Men* Reginald Rose Approx date: November 5th - November 20th
- *Agamemnon* Aeschylus Approx date: January 7th - January 28th
- *The Bandit Queens* Parini Shroff Approx date: February 1st - March 3rd
- *Pale Fire* Vladimir Nabokov Approx date: March 16th - April 28th

Links to digital versions of many of the above books are provided in the Google Classroom. Using the digital versions exclusively is acceptable, though many students find it helpful to annotate physical books. Supplements to this (audiobooks, e-books, study guides) are welcomed. Links to shorter works and poems studied in class will be posted in the Google Classroom. Students will also read two novels of their choice independently.

This class will make extensive use of AP Classroom, both during and outside of class time. The 2026-2027 AP Literature test will be administered entirely online. Our studies will reflect this fact. Test: May 5th, 2027 8 am

AI assistance: AP Lit is intended by College Board to teach and encourage critical thinking. Students are presented with challenging works and ideas not to memorize, but to analyse. When a student uses AI to complete assignments, they remove this element from the class, and negate the entire purpose of studying. Students turning in work produced by AI or engaging in any other type of academic dishonesty can expect to receive an uncorrectable zero and an office referral, making them ineligible for final exam exemptions. This policy is in line with the AI policy of major Texas universities, for example, Texas Tech.