

READINESS PROFILE & COURSE EXPECTATIONS

AP English Literature 1-2 (linked with British Literature 1-2)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced Placement English Literature 1-2 (combined with British Literature 1-2) is a year-long college-level course designed to prepare students to take the Advanced Placement English Literature examination and possibly to earn college credits. The course presents examples of literature from the Ancient Greeks through the 21st century, acquainting students with various genres and styles. Emphasis will be placed on a close reading and analysis of individual literary works in prose, poetry, novel and play formats. This course may be used to meet the UC/CSU "B" or "G" requirement. UC approved for extra honors credit (A=5, B=4, C=3)

COURSE CONTENT AND EXPECTATIONS

During the full school year, Advanced Placement English Literature students will read 9-12 novels or plays independently and will write an 8-15 page response/analysis (log) every 3-4 weeks. In addition students will practice on-demand writing skills with 16-20 essays throughout the school year (including British Literature) which are sample AP English Literature prompts. Students will read 7-8 plays and one novel together as a class.

MAJOR UNITS OF STUDY

Close reading techniques

Archetypes

Poetry analysis

Prose analysis

Shakespearean theatre

Existentialism

Heart of Darkness and imperialism

College application essays

STUDENT BACKGROUND

Students entering AP English Literature should already have a good understanding of the following: Literary devices used by authors, narrative voice, and essay writing techniques (especially on-demand). Students should also have a desire to read fiction (whether a fast reader or not), the ability to work independently, and the willingness to discuss ideas raised from the literature.

Please see syllabus for additional course rules and information

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Suggested preparatory courses: American Literature 1-2, Honors Survey of American Literature 1-2, Advanced Placement English Language.

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