

# Ivy College Guru

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## AP English Language and Composition Summer Test Prep Class

### An 11-week summer session; one meeting per week

Saturday 6pm-8pm from 9/6- 11/15/2025

#### I. Purposes and Rationale of the Class

The Ivy College Guru's Dr. Gavin Wittje has designed this AP Language and Composition class to ensure that the attendants of this class will be able to take the exam and receive a 5 on the test.

With the inaccessibility or unavailability of AP English classes to juniors or sophomores in some schools, many juniors or sophomores are NOT allowed to take the AP English class at all, while these students are trying to increase their opportunities to receive higher AP Scholar Awards before they apply to colleges. So, this AP prep class is intended for both current and future AP Lang takers. You will have a slight edge if you are taking AP Lang in your school, but even if you are not taking the AP Lang class, you can and should still take the AP Lang test when available and can still score 5 with the help of this class. **In the past, the vast majority of my AP Lang students received 5's on their AP Lang tests, while nationally only 9.1% of the AP Lang testing students received 5!**

For some students who are taking AP Lang in school, their teachers in school do not specifically prepare the students for taking the AP Lang exam. As a result, many students in the past who finished AP Lang in school still failed to get 5 in their AP Lang test. While many of you are automatically taking AP Calculus and/or AP sciences and/or other AP classes and tests, not many of you are taking AP English tests. Top college admission officers have a stereotypical view about Asian American applicants: they take it for granted that you are good at the STEM areas but not good enough in English and Humanities and are therefore not well-rounded enough for leadership and for top colleges.

It is precisely to get you out of this Asian American stereotypical image that we offer this class, and we encourage you all to be excellent in English Language and Literature AP classes, just as you are excellent in your calculus and science AP classes.

#### II. Major Contents of the Class

The class will consist of the following specific contents and learning objectives:

1. Guided study, understanding, and memorization of all terminologies and nomenclatures of the English language and rhetoric that might be encountered in AP Language tests.
2. Careful study of AP Lang multiple-choice questions with an emphasis on reading comprehension and identifying the correct answers to the narrative passage questions encountered in AP Lang.

3. Development of specific strategies and stock approaches to questions for the three types of essay writing: Synthesis Essay, Analysis Essay, and Argumentative Essay.

4. Practice, practice, and lots of practice before your actual AP test. The class will have constant AP question practices so that you will be surely getting a 5 on the real test.

### III. Textbooks and Study Materials

There are many AP Language and Composition Prep books in the market. Your instructor has sifted through all of them and decided to adopt the following (you will need to purchase one book online and will have the other sent to you):

1. The Ivy College Guru AP Language Reader

2. Barron's AP English Language and Composition Premium 2025 (ISBN: 978-1506291857)

### IV. Schedule of the Class (an assignment sheet will be in the Reader for each class

Week/Date	Class Contents
Week 1	1. Introduction of the AP Lang Test and of This class 2. Review of the Text Books to be Used 3. Study of Glossary and Terminology/Quiz I on Glossary 4. A Diagnostic Test on M-C Questions 5. Test Question Explanations/Discussions
Week 2	1. Quiz 2 on Glossary 2. Language and Rhetoric 3. Tackling Reading Passages (I) 4. Types of Multiple Choice Questions (I) 5. In-Class Exercises of Multiple Choice Questions
Week 3	1. Quiz 3 on Glossary 2. Tackling Reading Passages (II) 3. Types of Multiple Choice Questions (II) 4. In-Class Exercises of Multiple Choice Questions
Week 4	1. Quiz 4 on Glossary 2. Special Issues and Strategies in M-C Questions 3. Comprehensive Test on M-C Questions 4. Detailed explanations of the Test Questions
Week 5	1. Strategies on Synthesis Essay (I) 2. Practices on Synthesis Essay 3. Grammar and Writing Skills (1)
Week 6	1. Strategies on Synthesis Essay (II) 2. Synthesis Essay Samples and Formula 3. Grammar and Writing Skills (2)
Week 7	1. Rhetorical Fallacies and Rhetorical Modes 2. Strategies on Analytical Essay (I) 3. Practices on Analytical Essay 4. Grammar and Writing Skills (3)
Week 8	1. Strategies on Analytical Essay (II) 2. Analytical Essay Samples and Formula 3. Practices on Analytical Essay 4. Review and practice of MC Test (section 1)

Week 9	I. Strategies on Argumentative Essay (I) 2. Argumentative Essay Formula Studies 3. Practices an Argumentative Essay
Week 10	Strategies on Argumentative Essay (II) 2. Practices an Argumentative Essay 3. Review and Practice of MC test (section 1)
Week 11	1.Comprehensive AP Language Test (Required that you do the test in class) 2. Answers and Explanations 3. Your Test/Essay evaluation will be emailed to you within a week

Practice, practice, and more practice. The instructor will give you more practice questions after the class!