



AP English Literature & Composition Syllabus

Course Description:

Both semesters of AP English Literature and Composition have been designed to challenge students to read and interpret a wide range of literary works. This course allows students to explore a variety of genres and literary periods and to write clearly about the literature that they encounter. By the end of the second semester, the student will be well prepared for the AP examination and will have acquired analytical skills that will be used throughout life. The first semester of this course focuses on the elements of fiction. The student will spend a considerable amount of time reading and analyzing a variety of short stories and novels. The student will evaluate how the elements of plot analysis, characterization, theme, point of view, symbolism, allegory, irony, and humor work together to create a story or novel that is worthy of literary acclaim. In addition to reading, the student will complete a wide variety of writing pieces in order to develop better writing skills in the following areas: narrative, exploratory, expository, and argumentative.

Additional Materials Required:

Primary Textbook:

- Perrine's Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense 13th Edition, 2017 – Greg Johnson, Thomas Arp
 - ISBN-13: 978-1305971035
 - ISBN-10: 1305971035

Dostoevsky Students are required to read this novel before the start of the course:

- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor

The textbook below is required to purchase for Semester B (Jan–May):

- Cracking the AP English Literature & Composition Exam, 2020 Edition
 - ISBN-13: 978-0525568230
 - ISBN-10: 0525568239

Additional Novels:

- Native Son by Richard Wright
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Orlando by Virginia Woolf

*Materials listed should be acquired by the student prior to beginning work in the course.



Student-Teacher Conferences:

Office Hours. Students can schedule up to three (3) Student-Teacher Conference over the duration of the course. These meetings are optional, and attendance will not affect your grade.

To schedule an office hour with your teacher to please visit the Student Resources page on waonline.org.

Washington Academy Grading Scale:

A = 100 - 93

B = 92 - 85

C = 84 - 76

D = 75 - 70

F = 69 or less