

AP Literature and Composition

Teacher Expectations	
Recommended Preparation: English III with an “A” or “B”, or AP Language and Comp with an “A”, “B”, or possible “C”	
Average HW Time: 2-5 Hours a Week	
After-school Labs and Study Sessions: Study Sessions	
Activities: (Place X next to)	Important information that students need to know about this course: This is a college level course dealing with literature and composition. There is a high degree of reading and writing, as well as multiple choice tests that always have two right answers, one is just more right than the other. Students should have the motivation and ability to keep up with a fast-paced curriculum and ask questions. Learning is more important than grades!
Group Projects X	
Individual Projects X	
Lab Reports	
Textbook Reading X	
Textbook Notes X	
Research X	
Primary and Secondary Source Analysis X	
Use of Technology X	
Google Classroom X	
Essays X	
Short Answers X	

Student Expectations and Learning Outcomes

- Ability and desire to think critically and analyze complex texts including poetry, short stories, and novels.
- Ability to write a thoughtful and developed complex thesis statement that drives a well-organized and sophisticated essay under pressure (40 Minutes or less).
- Ability to interpret texts from various periods throughout history.
- Ability to effectively analyze a text and answer test questions with complex answers.
- Ability to cope with exams that cover multiple texts.
- Ability to individually complete reading and homework assignments in a timely manner.
- Become more sophisticated thinkers and writers.
- Become a better student.

About AP Literature and Composition

The AP English Literature and Composition course aligns to an introductory college-level literary analysis course. The course engages students in the close reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature to deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure. As they read, students consider a works structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works.

Format of the AP Literature and Composition Test

The exam is three hours long and has two parts — multiple-choice and free-response. The multiple choice section is worth 45% and the free response section is worth 55% of the final exam grade.

Section I: Multiple Choice — 55 Questions; 1 hour

The multiple choice section tests your critical reading skills. You'll read several passages and answer questions about the content, form, and style of each.

Total scores on the multiple-choice section are based on the number of questions answered correctly. Points are not deducted for incorrect answers and no points are awarded for unanswered questions.

Section II: Free Response — 3 free-response questions; 2 hours

The free-response section tests your ability to analyze and interpret literary texts by composing clear and effective essay responses.