

Advanced Placement Composition and Literature

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Comp and Lit Objectives:

From College Board: "AP English Literature and Composition is an introductory college-level literary analysis course. Students cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works." Literature genres to include the following:

- Poetry
- Short Fiction
- Longer Fiction and Drama

Within these three genre styles, the following skills are tested

- Explain the function of character
- Explain the function of setting
- Explain the function of plot and structure
- Explain the function of narrator or speaker
- Explain the function of word choice, imagery, and symbols
- Explain the function of comparison (simile, metaphor, allegory, etc)
- Develop textually substantiated arguments about interpretations of some or all of a text.
- Multiple Choice
 - Skills and test-taking strategies
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Language-based Comprehension

What is an AP exam:

- It is highly encouraged that your son or daughter take the Comp and Lit exam in May
 - Why should he/she take the test?
 - Potential college credit (English 101)
 - \$98 test = \$1,800 college credit (with a score of ≥ 4)
 - Even if a student were to *fail*, **85% of colleges** would rather see you tried and took the risk than taking an AP course and not test.
 - AP Exam is two parts:
 - Multiple Choice – 60 minutes for ~45 questions
 - 5-6 passages (1-1.5k words each)
 - 15-20 questions per passage
 - Free Response Questions – 2.5 hours for 3 essays
 - Poetry Analysis
 - Short Fiction Analysis
 - Longer Fiction/Drama Analysis
- 40 minutes each w/15 minute reading time

Students will:

- Critically analyze texts of varying form and purpose, as well as literary choices and stylistic devices.
- Formulate and develop arguments with clear and coherent claims, citing strong and thorough evidence to support implicit inferences from the text, and implementing valid and logical reasoning.
- Develop close reading skills on a wide variety of texts.