



Course Description: **AP English Literature and Composition**

The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama) from various periods. Students engage in 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 work's structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, and symbolism. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works.

Students develop the skills of literary analysis and composition as they repeatedly practice analyzing poetry and prose, then compose arguments about an interpretation of a literary work. The course content and skills are presented in nine units. Across these nine units, the content and skills increase in challenge and complexity, with students receiving repeated opportunities to develop and apply analysis and composition skills to specific genres of literature (short fiction, poetry, novels, and plays).

Textbook: Jago, Carol, Renee H. Shea and Lawrence Scanlon, et.al. *Literature & Composition: Reading, Writing, Thinking*, Second Edition, Bedford St. Martin's, 2017.

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