

AP ENGLISH

What is AP English at FHS?

Our AP English class is **AP English Literature and Composition**. English 12 focuses on British Literature as it has progressed from its development to the present. A variety of genres are presented and supplemental materials are used regularly to assist students in grasping concepts of the course. AP students are required to do all regular English 12 coursework, and – in addition – in- and out-of-class writings, readings, and activities. Some of the things the AP English class does in addition to regular English 12 include the following:

- Extra Reading (Since this is an exam that tests literary analysis skills, and includes an open question that draws on previously read works of high quality, we will read several additional works, plus a summer reading work)
- In-Class Essays (timed responses to AP and AP-style prompts)
- Research Paper (additional length and higher expected quality)
- Practice Tests – generally in class

Check to make sure that your prospective college(s) accepts AP credit and the score you will need to earn to obtain credit. Go to the following website: <http://www.collegeboard.com/?student>
Type your college into the “college quickfinder” and click on TESTS to find out what minimum score you will need. Scores range from 1-5. You are not required to take the test as part of the course, but you are required to prepare for it along with the class.

What you should know about AP English 12:

- ❖ There isn't a HUGE difference between AP and English 12; if you are a good English student who enjoys reading and writing, you'll likely do well in this class and on the AP test.
- ❖ Check the College Board website for requirements and score minimums.
- ❖ Discussions in class generally require more student participation and often do not have teacher-given answers. My expectations are certainly higher for AP students, and my grading practices reflect that.
- ❖ Discussions in AP require students to have read the material independently.
- ❖ Take College Writing in addition to AP English – they complement each other nicely!

There will be a summer reading assignment, and it will be given to you prior to the end of this school year. The AP test is given nationally at the same time on the same day in May and costs approximately \$85. The test materials must be ordered ahead of time, at your expense. If you sign up for the test but do not take it, you will be charged \$15. The test contains four timed sections. The first section is a series of short readings followed by multiple choice questions and lasts one hour. The next three sections are short readings with an essay question, each lasting 40 minutes. I recommend that you purchase a practice book for the AP Literature and Composition exam. The Cliff's Notes version is very good (for this particular exam), from what I've heard at AP Conferences.

This class will require additional time outside the classroom. It will not be an unreasonable amount, but be prepared!