

AP LITERATURE TEST PREPARATION

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The course emphasizes philosophical constructs from various times and places, and students will be reading carefully, thinking deeply, and working with adult materials. AP Literature is writing intensive: We will write somewhere between 6-8 responses, and the vast majority will be timed essays (either by me in class or you, at home, with a stopwatch). Students will have only about 40 minutes to write each essay on the AP exam, and this course is prep for that.

At the end of this course:

1. Students have read deliberately and thoroughly and can discuss their reading in class and in their writing.
2. Students demonstrate the experience of literature, the interpretation of literature, and the evaluation of literature.
3. Students are able to write college-level exposition, analysis, and argumentation
3. Students are able to use a wide-ranging vocabulary with denotative accuracy and connotative resourcefulness
4. Students are able to use a variety of sentence structures
5. Students are able to demonstrate logical organization, enhanced by specific techniques of coherence such as repetition, transition, and emphasis
6. Students balance generalization with specific illustrative details in their writing
7. Students are able to develop an argument at length in an extended discourse mode
8. Students are able to write competently under time constraints
9. Students are able to discuss and analyze a passage from a poem or prose selection

SCHEDULE: 03/29-04/30 (TUE, THU) 6:30 P-8:20 P; Total Hours: 20