

## AP English 12 – AP Literature and Composition

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Syllabus  
Pike County High School

**Goal of this class:** To earn a score on the AP Literature and Composition exam that will allow you credit for one unit of college freshman English.

### Course will include the following:

1. Grammar Review - as needed
2. Vocabulary - 20 terms a week. The study of vocabulary will be cumulative. That means terms studied during the first week of school may show up during the second week, fifth week, second semester, or anywhere else.
3. Literary Terms - as they pertain to the works covered
4. Timed Writing (80% expository and 20% personal)-- at least one timed essay a week. We will work on endurance and writing quickly, but in a matter so that the paper can be accurately scored: NEATNESS. Tests and in-class essays will be finished within the allotted time frame. AP students are expected to meet time restrictions.
5. AP Multiple Choice practice items once a week. We will start out with around ten items and move up to approximately 55 every week.
6. Outside reading - approximately 1 novel/drama a month

### Major Works Studied/ Possible Works Studied - approximately 1 per month

*Brave New World*

*Frankenstein*

*Wuthering Heights*

*King Lear*

*Waiting for Godot*

*Importance of Being Earnest*

*Heart of Darkness*

*Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

### Suggested texts/ books

*Mythology* by Edith Hamilton

### Class Supplies

1. Black pens - ALL essays will be written in black ink.
2. 2- inch three ring binder - If you want dividers, that is entirely up to you, the student. Your notebook must contain loose-leaf paper.
3. Purchase a high lighter to use to mark in the novels you purchase. Get sticky notes to use to mark the novels the school furnishes.
4. You may be asked to check out a text from a public library, read it on line or purchase the text. I will not ask you to spend very much on these novels.
5. Novels – You are required to bring a literary novel to class everyday. In the event we have a reading day or an extra five minutes, you need to read everything you can.

## Class Requirements

1. Endurance - This class involves college level work and you will be graded at a college level. Your presence in this class is demanded.
2. Diligence - You will be spending an extra one or two hours a night preparing for this class. This is in addition to your other classes. Students are expected to read all assigned texts thoroughly and thoughtfully. We study the work in-depth, so abridgements/ summaries like *Cliff Notes*, *Spark Notes*, or on line sites will not prepare the student for participation.
3. Dedication - This AP course is designed to prepare you for college and will require more writing, a heavier and more mature reading load, and more rigorous standards.
4. Perseverance - This class is a year long course which carries one unit of high school credit toward graduation.
6. Understanding - An AP class is not only demanding for students, but also for your teacher. Please do not ask me if I have graded something. I will grade and return your papers as quickly as I can. Some assignments will take longer to grade than others and some assignments will be filed for future use. Anyone can put a grade on a paper, but I read every word.
7. Responsibility - You are responsible for everything that is done or said in this class. Illness, activities, or other crises do not excuse you from this class. Turn all work in on time. **Late work will not be graded.** Written homework is to be placed in THE BASKET as soon as you enter the room on the day it is due. When the tardy bell rings, I will pick up the work from the box, and papers will not be accepted after that time. A partially completed assignment will receive a 0. When a long-term assignment such as a major writing assignment, research paper, project (ie book cards) that is assigned several days ahead, is due, I expect it to be submitted on time, even if you have an excused absence that day. Send it by a friend, turn it in early, whatever. If for some reason this is impossible, tell me in advance!(email me at [douglal@pike.k12.ga.us](mailto:douglal@pike.k12.ga.us)) In addition to the above standards, failure to follow correct presentation procedures in any written assignment will result in the paper not being graded. For example, failure to write your name will earn you a zero. Failure to double space, use correct font size, use correct font type, and other errors will result in a zero.
8. Work Ethic - AP students are considered the most capable in high school. They work hard and strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives. They place rigorous standards on themselves and then exceed them.
9. Attendance -Due to the intensity of the course, attendance is extremely important. Field trips in other classes and “personal” days will have to be limited in order to succeed. I will not re-teach a class you missed. Make-up work can be discussed after school, not during class time or any other time. We will adhere to the Pike County Board of Education’s policy on make-up work. Run your errands and go to the bathroom prior to my class. You will not be given a hall pass.
10. Honesty --Plagiarism is a form of cheating. It is defined as any time you use someone else’s thoughts, words or phraseology without giving the author due credit in your paper. If you merely change a few words or rearrange the order, it is

still plagiarism. You will receive a zero if plagiarism is *suspected*. I intend to use special plagiarism detection services or software.

**Grading:** The number of points earned will be divided by the number of possible points to determine the overall grade. Assignments are weighted using the following scale:

- 100 points = each test: 1 or 2 days tests
- 40 points = each out/ in class compositions – teacher created compositions,
- 20 points = each AP Writings on poetry, prose, or the open questions; graded holistically
- 10 - 20 points = quizzes: vocabulary, announced and unannounced quizzes
- 10 - 30 points = Class Discussion
- 10 points = AP Multiple Choice Practice
- 100 points = book cards

You should make the approximately the same grade under the point system as you would under the percent system.

*I reserve the right to modify the grading scale, reading requirements, or any other aspect of this course.*