

SKILLS

By taking AP Lang and Comp you can:

- ◇ Enhance your writing and comprehension skills
- ◇ Learn better time management and study skills
- ◇ Learn how to handle challenges
- ◇ Increase your self-confidence in your work
- ◇ Become determined to succeed



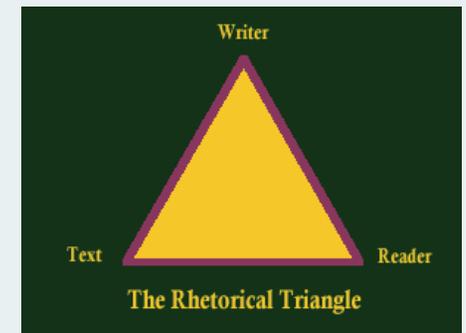
Pre-requisites: Must have current English teacher approval to sign up for the class

A Short Summary of the Class-

The AP Language and Composition course is designed to help you write effectively and confidently. In this AP course you will have a chance to learn the various rhetorical modes and utilize them in your own writing. You will study how to write in a variety of modes including expository, analytical, and argumentative as well as apply figurative language to your writing more effectively.

Throughout the course of the school year you will examine classic, contemporary, and modern written rhetorical pieces as well as visual media rhetoric and analyze how they appeal to their audiences. You have the chance to develop your writing through contexts such as journals, speeches, and essays, and creative responses as well as timed and untimed essays. With two of the most experienced English teachers at Lakewood High School in this AP program, you have the opportunity to become advanced at writing as well as analyzing literature.

AP Language and Composition





Overview

AP Language and Composition is a very beneficial class. It not only prepares you for college, but it develops your writing to its full potential.

Once you've taken this class, writing five-page papers won't seem so bad! Those who take AP stand out to college admissions. They see that you took the most rigorous English class your high school offers.

HOW IT HELPS WITH COLLEGE

By taking AP Language and Composition, you can be several steps ahead of other freshmen in college.

Every college degree program requires students to write formal academic essays and use analytical thinking skills. This course prepares students for any course of study and degree they will undertake in college.

If you are successful on the AP exam in May, you can save on college expenses, potentially receive college credits, or advanced placement. You can skip introductory classes in college and take higher-level classes more honed to your interests.

In terms of saving money, an AP class costs less than a college class. The cost of college textbooks and the course is very expensive, so if you have the option to take the same class for less, you should definitely take advantage of that!

Even if English isn't necessarily what you want to go into in college, you can still benefit. Again, you can avoid taking the class in college if you do well on the exam. If you do take an English class in college, you will have an extensive background that other students may not have. Also, by getting ahead of the general college requirements for first years, you can strive for a second major or minor, take other electives, or just have a little more free time!

Overall, you have a lot of benefits to look forward to if you take AP Language and Composition.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class, we learn how to analyze essays and use literary devices to effectively write our own essays.

In the first semester, we learn about the rhetoric devices that authors use. The class analyzes essays, letters, and other pieces from history and modern times. By the end of the first semester, you will know how to write rhetorical essays and analyze the specific devices authors use to portray their purpose.

During second semester, you will start with argumentative essays. You analyze political cartoons, images, advertisements, and other reports that argue a certain point. After you go through the argument essay you begin to learn about the synthesis essay skills that will help you utilize sources to support claims.

By the time the test arrives, you will be fully prepared with the extensive knowledge the teacher provides to you.

