



AP Literature and Composition

Mrs. Graham

Course Overview:

Students in this rigorous English course will study literature found within the American and British literary canon. Various literary genres from different times periods will be included, as well as selections from non-Eurocentric texts to give students a more broad understanding of world literature. These students will become conversant in literary theory and criticism, and will explore rhetorical and literary techniques writers employ. Through reading, discussion, and writing tasks, students will develop critical literary analysis skills.

Expectations:

- Completion of and intellectual engagement with assigned readings
- Sophisticated analysis of literature through a growing knowledge of literary theory and cogent discussion
- Highly developed composition skills on all written assignments; multi-draft essays must produce in-depth analysis and critical interpretation of literature
- A research paper adhering to MLA format is required in the second semester

Expectations, continued:

- Summer reading requirement, which will be assessed in early September
- Participation and articulate expression in class discussion is required to demonstrate the ability to think critically
- Students will receive crucial preparation for the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Exam
- Students can earn college credit through the successful completion of the AP Literature and Composition exam

Course Activities:

- Weekly study of pertinent in-text vocabulary, as well as Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes
- Critical essays
- Journal entries
- Timed writing (in accordance with AP English assessment requirements)
- Intense revision and multi-draft essays
- Presentations
- Revision
- Research

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at agraham@wajcs.org.

