

# **AP ENGLISH**



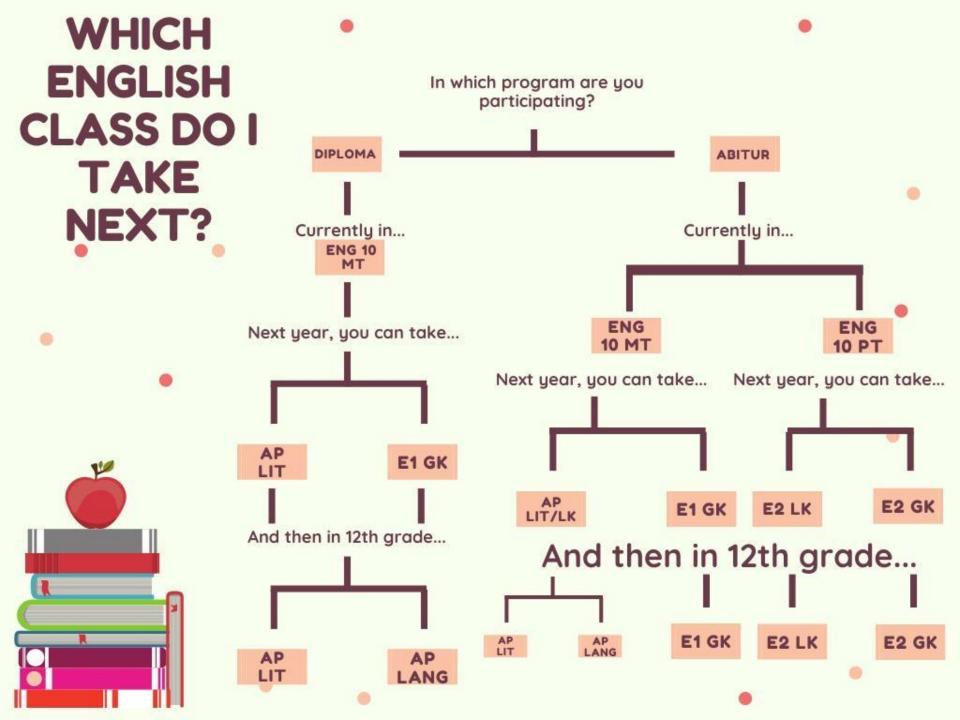


Literature and Composition 11th/12th Language and Composition 12th









### AP Literature and Composition 11th-12th Grade

- In-depth study of short and long fiction, poetry, drama
- Explore complexities of literature through lenses: historical, gender, psychological, mythological
- Examine the ways authors use character, setting, structure, contrasts, ambiguity, and narrative perspective
- American Lit 11th, British and World Lit 12th
- Learn how to craft a nuanced literary argument in timed essay format
- Explore a literary novel through a in-depth research paper

#### AP Language and Composition 12th Grade

- Examines the use of argument and persuasion
- Concentrate on student's argumentation skills and developing your own arguments
- Develop rhetorical analysis skills
- Read many non-fiction works, including articles, essays, and non-fiction novels.
- Read and discuss a variety of world literature
- Examine how authors use devices such as metaphor, imagery, diction (and many others)
- Learn how to craft a variety of types of writing, including arguments with and without outside sources and rhetorical analysis, all in timed essay format
- Explore a nonfiction text about a current issue through an in-depth research paper

## **Both Approaches Offer Benefits**

- AP Literature offers a reader opportunities to "see" and "experience" places, cultures, events, and beliefs different from our own.
- AP Language offers opportunities to explore ideas about many different subject areas in order to form our own attitudes and beliefs in a rational way.
- Both help develop your writing skills and style.
- AP Literature one year course focuses on primarily on American Literature, while two year encompasses British and World Literature.
- Can stay in AP Literature for two years to build skills, or switch to AP Language in 12th

### The Exam

#### AP Literature

 Students are encouraged to take the exam at the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, but some wait until May of 12<sup>th</sup> grade

#### AP Language

 Students are encouraged to take the exam at the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade

You will register for your AP exam in September of the school-year in which you will take the exam. (For example, you will register in Oct 2021 for the May 2022 AP Exam.)

#### FAQS

- Does AP Literature/Language scores help me get into college?
  - Yes, but this depends on the university.
- Can I earn college credit from my AP Lit/Lang scores?
  - Yes, you can often forgo freshmen intro writing or literature courses with credit.
- Do I have to take the AP exam?
  - No, but students are highly encouraged.
- When are the AP Lit/Lang exams?
  - Usually the first and second week of May
- What is the AP Literature/Language exam format?
  - 55 multiple choice questions and 3 essays (see <u>collegeboard.com</u> for examples and more information)
- How often will I have class?
  - $\circ$  5 hours a week.
- Who will be teaching the courses?
  - Lit: Beckley, Jones, Robertson, Wiltzius
  - Lang: Jones
- Where can I find resources about Lit and Lang exams?
  - Visit <u>AP classroom</u> to make an account to find resources