

AP ENGLISH: 12th GRADE—LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

1. Survey of British Literature (all historical backgrounds of different periods from 700 A.D. -present)

2. AP Close Reading and Writing strategies: AP Exam—May 2015

(Any student who chooses not to take the AP exam must complete a separate research project in lieu of the AP PREP Project due at the end of the year.)

SUMMER READING: *Beowulf*, *Grendel*, *SGGK* (+ section out of *English History Made Brief, Irreverent, and Pleasurable—rest of this book used throughout the year*)

Quarter 1

1st 5 weeks: College essay
MC Diagnostic Test and Correction process
DGP-Daily Grammar Practice
A/S Period, *Beowulf*, Poems
Presentations—group work
Introduction to AP writing
Beowulf IM and intros (group) + **in-class essay**
Major Lit Test (Anglo-Saxon)

2 ½- 3 wks Zodiac, philosophy, and *Grendel*
Group presentation of chapters
Grendel IM + in-class essay

1-2 wks ART PROJECT
Medieval Period
SGGK
Begin *Canterbury Tales*

Quarter 2:

1st 7 wks **Continue CT**
Major Lit Test (Middle Ages)
Outside Reading (more CT tales)

Research Project
1 ½ -2 wks **Renaissance Period**
Anne of the Thousand Days--film

3rd Quarter

- 1st 4 weeks *Hamlet*
Hamlet in-class essay; Hamlet language paper
Socratic Seminar
- 2 wks Poetry: Milton, Pastoral Poetry, Donne, Carpe Diem
Biography Essay
- 3-4 wks One-Pagers—AP writing practice—poems and passages
Introductions to **Restoration Period, Romantic Period, and Victorian Period**
Outside Reading Novel + paper
Group planning for teaching units

4th Quarter

- 1st 3 wks **Group Teaching units**
In Class essays—passage/poem analysis (AP)
AP PREP
- 2 weeks Victorian play (*Importance*)
In-class essay--passage
AP PREP
- 2 wks Modern Poetry
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
Outside Reading Novel--choice
In Class Essay: Outside Reading novel (thematic)
AP PREP
- 1 wk Major lit/poetry TERM Test
AP Review

Instruction over by last day before AP Exams: **2 weeks to turn in resume, cover letter.**

FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO TAKE THE AP EXAM:

1. Final exam exemption rules apply
2. In lieu of AP Review Binders, students will research a writer of choice and present to me on the day of the AP EXAM.