

# Advanced Placement Examination

- English Literature
  - and
  - Composition

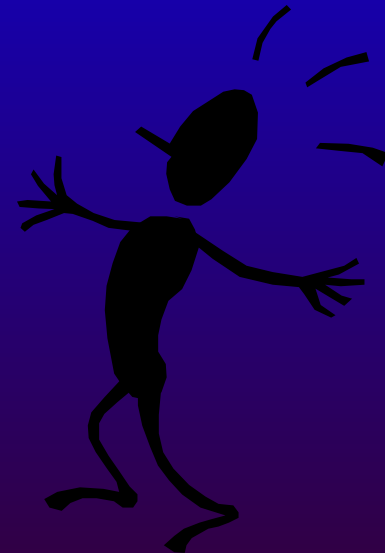


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# The Examination

- Measures students' abilities in reading, analyzing, and writing about literature
- Three hours in length
- Multiple-choice questions
- Essay questions
- Approximately \$75.00



# Multiple-Choice Section



- 60 minutes long
- 45 percent of total grade
- 50 to 60 questions on four different passages from poetry and prose
- 2 prose texts
- 2 poetry texts



- Selections from 16th to 20th centuries
- Women and minority writers often included
- Odds are against having read the selections
- Represents all high school English classes

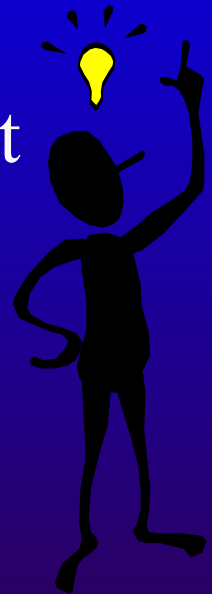
# Points To Remember About Multiple-Choice Section

- Extremely difficult
- Intimidating
- Sophisticated vocabulary
- Footnotes
- 50 percent could pass you if...



# Tips For Multiple-Choice Section

- Scan--don't read the questions.
- If there is a title, keep it in mind.
- Read quickly to get an idea of the subject matter.
- Read closely and mark or underline the passage.
- Answer the questions carefully.
- Don't guess unless you can eliminate one choice as obviously incorrect.





# To Be Continued...

- Next episode: the essay section of the examination



# Essay Section

✓ 120 minutes long ( 2 hours)

✓ 55 percent of total grade

✓ 3 essays at 40 minutes each

✓ 2 are free response questions

✓ 1 is an extended question



# Response Qm

One poetry excerpt

✓ One prose excerpt from an essay, short story, or novel

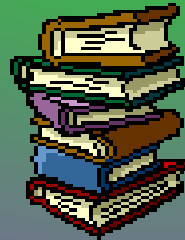
✓ Questions concern the attitude of the author toward the subject or theme and how the stylistic devices show that attitude



# Open-ended Que

✓ Consists of a directive  
and a list of possible  
classic novels and plays  
from which to choose

✓ May also choose a novel  
or play not on the list,  
provided it is a classic



# remember about

- ✓ Each essay is scored from 1(low) to 9(high)

- ✓ Should be answered in no less than 1 1/2 pages to get a score above 3

- ✓ Shouldn't adjust question—answer all parts of it

- ✓ Could be

- ✓ Should have two works studied in depth

- ✓ Short works are as acceptable as long ones

- ✓ Avoid plot summaries writing



# For Essay Success



- ✓ Read question closely and underline important parts
- ✓ Use pen—can cross out and use arrows
- ✓ Do 7-10 minutes of pre-writing and 30 minutes of essay writing
- ✓ Always have introduction and conclusion
- ✓ Support your argument and answer the entire question
- ✓ Don't focus on mechanics—no points off unless

# Ultimate

✓ To earn an overall score of 3, 4, or 5 on the test

**You will earn college credit**

