

## **What is AP Literature & Composition?**

AP Literature and Composition is equivalent to college Intro to Literature courses. It focuses on poetry, short stories (prose), and longer fiction. Students will learn skills such as: interpreting text, identifying techniques used by authors and their effects, reading texts and making conclusions based on evidence found within the piece, and presenting your interpretation by making an argument for it in writing. AP Literature is a college level course and some texts can be considered controversial. Students are not required by any means to agree with it; however, it is important to come ready to discuss the benefits of it from a literary perspective.

### **Exam**

The AP Literature Exam is an optional part of the course. It consists of 55 multiple choice questions, one poetry analysis essay, one prose analysis essay, and one essay built around a novel/play that has been read either in or out of class. The test is always scheduled from the beginning to mid-May. It takes approximately 3 hours to complete. The score on this exam does not affect the student's GPA. Higher scores can get students up to 6 hours college credit for Comp I and Comp II. Scores and credit hours depend on the university. By taking this course, students receive a .5 bump in their GPA, and TAKING the exam leads to another .5 bump in their GPA.

### **Expectations**

Because this is a college level course, students need to be prepared for college level responsibility and work. Reading and writing will be required both in class and at home. However, I do encourage students to accomplish the bulk of their work in class. Because of this, late work will result in the loss of points. To ensure success and commitment to the class, if a student's grade drops below a C by the end of the 1st 9 weeks, they will need to transfer out of the class.

This form must be signed and returned to Ms. Chapman-Roach by May 17th. If I do not receive a form, you will be unenrolled in the course. (Exceptions will be made for students who are waiting on previous AP scores to determine class enrollment.)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_