***ADVANCED PLACEMENT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE CLASSES***

**In both courses, students will learn**

* To handle the rigors of a college English curriculum
* To read and write extensively
* To participate in small- and large-group deep discussions about reading assignments
* To analyze the writing style and content of published authors
* To evaluate their own writing according to an AP rubric
* To meaningfully participate in peer reviews of student writing
* To actively participate in teacher-facilitated writing conferences
* To read and analyze college-level fiction and nonfiction
* To emulate great writers and to use them as “writing coaches”
* To study and apply academic vocabulary
* To appreciate the value of choice reading
* To analyze the form and function of the National Exam

**Differences Between AP English Courses**

**AP Language and Composition students will focus on:**

* Nonfiction pieces, such as essays, speeches, ads and memoirs
* Rhetorical devices used by authors in their craft
* Analysis and writing of high literary merit
* Written analysis of letters, speech excerpts, propaganda, and complete works of non-fiction.
* Analysis and argumentative writing including essays, memoirs, and journals.
* A mixture of pieces written by authors worldwide and spanning many centuries: ranging from Plato to The Constitution to current events newspaper articles and speeches.
* A study of argumentative theory
* The appreciate for all types of writing

**AP Literature and Composition students will focus on:**

* imaginative literature, such as short stories, novels, drama, and poetry
* literary devices used by authors in their craft
* analysis and writing about works of high literary merit
* written analyses of poetry, prose excerpts, and complete works
* creative writing, including poetry, short stories, and drama
* a mixture of American and world literature that includes writers from each of the following categories: female, ethnic minority, contemporary, and pre-twentieth century
* a study of literary theory
* the appreciation for all types of literature