

AP English Literature & Composition Summer Project – 2023-24 – Ms. Healy, Instructor

IMPORTANT: Please read the first and last pages of this document IMMEDIATELY. There are important deadlines you must meet before the end of this school year.

AP English requires sophisticated writing and research skills which build on those learned in your previous English courses. The course is designed to meet the rigor necessary to prepare you for the AP English Literature test in May. (See the information on the reverse of this sheet for more about the AP English Literature course.) To this end, extensive reading will be a major component of the course. To give you a head start, you must read two books over the summer and complete the note-taking assignments outlined below and attached. These assignments **should** be “mostly done” on the first day of school (August 17, 2023), but **must** be turned in by the first day of the second week of school (August 25, 2023). These dates are critical as students will discuss and write a timed, in class essay based on these readings during the second week of school. Late projects **will** be accepted through the end of the second week but will be docked 10% of the final grade. For example, if your work receives an 80%, it will only be worth 70%.

For the summer project, carefully read follow the steps below:

1. **Attend an *optional* lunchtime meeting with Ms. Healy on Thursday, June 1 in room C-23.**
2. Buy (or borrow from Ms. Healy in room C-23 no later than Fri., June 2, 4 PM) BOTH of the assigned books:
 - a. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* by Ken Kesey (any edition)
 - b. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (any unabridged edition – but not “and Zombies”! ☺)
3. Read both books, actively, paying particular attention to, and keeping notes (like a dialectical journal) of essential details for each of the major parts of each novel AND for the novel as a whole by using the attached charts.
4. For ONE of the books: watch a film version based on the book and complete the attached questions.
5. Bring both novels, the charts and your notes to class starting August 17, 2023. (Note: we will first be comparing notes and observations of the reading. The first in class “AP style practice essay” will be administered after our discussion. Unlike the real AP test, I will allow you to use your own book and notes for this, so you will be at a distinct disadvantage if you are not prepared with these materials.)
6. Finally, during the summer I **strongly recommend** you do the following to help yourself prepare for the school year (if you have not already done so):
 - a. Get an E-Card for the public library - ccclib.org;
 - b. set up a free account for yourself at collegeboard.com and explore AP Central;
 - c. bookmark helpful research paper web sites especially: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>
AND <http://citationmachine.net/index2.php?reqstyleid=1>

If you have any questions by June 2, please see me in room C-23. Should questions or concerns arise over the summer, you may contact me through the district’s email address: mhealy@jsusd.org.

Thank you and I look forward to exploring and analyzing literature with you!

Ms. Melissa Healy



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[Download](#) the Course Description (.pdf/2.3M).

Complete course and exam information is available in the Course Description.

Requires Adobe Reader (latest version recommended).

The AP English Literature and Composition course is designed to engage students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students can deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students should consider a work's structure, style, and themes, as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone.

Reading

The course should include intensive study of representative works from various genres and periods, concentrating on works of recognized literary merit. The works chosen should invite and gratify rereading.

Reading in an AP course should be both wide and deep. This reading necessarily builds upon the reading done in previous English courses. These courses should include the in-depth reading of texts drawn from multiple genres, periods, and cultures. In their AP course, students should also read works from several genres and periods -- from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century -- but, more importantly, they should get to know a few works well. They should read deliberately and thoroughly, taking time to understand a work's complexity, to absorb its richness of meaning, and to analyze how that meaning is embodied in literary form. In addition to considering a work's literary artistry, students should consider the social and historical values it reflects and embodies. Careful attention to both textual detail and historical context should provide a foundation for interpretation, whatever critical perspectives are brought to bear on the literary works studied.

Writing

Such close reading involves the experience of literature, the interpretation of literature, and the evaluation of literature. All these aspects of reading are important for an AP course in English Literature and Composition, and each corresponds to an approach to writing about literary works. Writing to understand a literary work may involve writing response and reaction papers along with annotation, freewriting, and keeping some form of a reading journal. Writing to explain a literary work involves analysis and interpretation, and may include writing brief focused analyses on aspects of language and structure. Writing to evaluate a literary work involves making and explaining judgments about its artistry and exploring its underlying social and cultural values through analysis, interpretation, and argument.

Writing should be an integral part of the AP English Literature and Composition course, for the AP Examination is weighted toward student writing about literature. Writing assignments should focus on the critical analysis of literature and should include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays. Although critical analysis should make up the bulk of student writing for the course, well-constructed creative writing assignments may help students see from the inside how literature is written. The goal of both types of writing assignments is to increase students' ability to explain clearly, cogently, even elegantly, what they understand about literary works and why they interpret them as they do.

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 Healy * AP English Literature * Period ____
 Reading Summary Chart
 Due for check off August 17, 2023

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
 by Ken Kesey
 Published 1962
 Part I: General Information

PLOT for each part (In one or two sentences: What is the series of related events, conflict and resolution? WHAT happened?) BONUS: Create a unique title for each part!

Part One

Part Two

Part Three

Part Four

SETTING (Include information about the environment of the work, including time period, duration, natural surroundings, locale, etc. WHEN & WHERE did it happen?)

WHEN (years, days, era, etc.):

WHERE (city, country, etc.):

STYLE/FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE/LITERARY TECHNIQUES USED: LIST AT LEAST SIX with a page citation (How does the writer use language, word choice and emphasis? HOW is the story told?)

1 4

2 Irony () 5

3 Hyperbole () Understatement () 6

POINT OF VIEW (circle or highlight the appropriate narrative perspective) What is the perspective the writer takes to tell the story? Narrative style is: First person-"I" OR Second person-"you" OR Third person-"s/he limited OR Third person omniscient

TONE OR MOOD (What is the writer's attitude toward the subject? What emotion is the writer trying to evoke from the reader? HOW does the writer tell the story?) AND QUOTE ONE exemplary passage (CITATION):

THEME(S) QUOTE TWO (2) exemplary passages (CITATION). (What is the deeper meaning or lesson underlying the human experience in the work? What is the writer trying to show us about our world? WHY did the author write the work?)

SYMBOLS {What elements of the story (objects, actions, characters) are used which suggest deeper meaning or significance beyond their superficial role?} 10 objects minimum - use the form:
 OBJECT = MEANING(S)

1 6

2 7

3 8

4 9

5 10

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One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
 by Ken Kesey
 Published 1962
 Part II: Main Characters (WHO?)

Full Name/Role	2-5 Good Qualities	2-5 Bad Qualities	"Showing" Quote (CITE)
"Chief" Bromden/ Chronic, Walker:			
Nurse Ratched			
Randall Patrick McMurphy "Mac"/Acute:			
Dr. Spivey			
Billy Bibbett/Acute:			
Dale Harding/Acute:			
Charles Cheswick/Acute :			
Bruce Fredrickson/ Acute:			
Sefelt/Acute:			
Big George "Rub-a-Dub"/Chronic, Walker: organic?	Col. Matterson/Chronic, Wheeler: organic-senile	Old Pete Bancini/Chronic, Walker: organic-birth	Ellis & Ruckley/Chronic, Vegetables: Clinical-E.S.T. & Lobotomy
Minor/Staff: Nurses, Orderlies, P.R. Man, Interns	Minor: Disturbed patients Rawler, the Lifeguard	Outsiders: Candy & Sandy (prostitutes?)	Outsiders: Harding's Wife, Vera; Billy's Mother; Taber (success)

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Reading "Dialectical Journal"/Note-taking Chart – "Cuckoo's Nest"

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As you read, record information about your book for discussion with your partners and possible inclusion in the final project.

Part	List Important events. More than TEN per part	Evidence: Include TWO (or more) important quotes (including page number!) and explain why they are important.
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> Part 1		
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> Part 2		

“Cuckoo’s Nest” Dialectical Journal (continued)

Part	List Important events. More than TEN per part	Evidence: Include TWO (or more) important quotes (including page number) and explain why they are important.
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest</i> Part 3		
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest</i> Part 4		

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Pride and Prejudice
 by Jane Austen
 Published 1813
 Part I: General Information

PLOT for each part (In one or two sentences: What is the series of related events, conflict and resolution? WHAT happened?) BONUS: Create a unique title for each part!	
Volume 1 (chapters 1 - 23)	
Volume 2 (chapters 24-42)	
Volume 3 (chapters 43-61)	
SETTING (Include information about the environment of the work, including time period, duration, natural surroundings, locale, etc. WHEN & WHERE did it happen?)	
WHEN (years, days, era, etc.):	
WHERE (city, country, etc.):	
STYLE/FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE/LITERARY TECHNIQUES USED: LIST AT LEAST SIX with a page citation (How does the writer use language, word choice and emphasis? HOW is the story told?)	
1	4
2 Irony ()	5
3 Hyperbole () Understatement ()	6
POINT OF VIEW (circle or highlight the appropriate narrative perspective) What is the perspective the writer takes to tell the story? Narrative style is: First person-"I" OR Second person-"you" OR Third person-"s/he limited OR Third person omniscient	
TONE OR MOOD (What is the writer's attitude toward the subject? What emotion is the writer trying to evoke from the reader? HOW does the writer tell the story?) AND QUOTE ONE exemplary passage (CITATION):	
THEME(S) QUOTE TWO (2) exemplary passages (CITATION). (What is the deeper meaning or lesson underlying the human experience in the work? What is the writer trying to show us about our world? WHY did the author write the work?)	
SYMBOLS {What elements of the story (objects, actions, characters) are used which suggest deeper meaning or significance beyond their superficial role?} 10 objects minimum - use the form: OBJECT = MEANING(S)	
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2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

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Pride and Prejudice
 by Jane Austen
 Published 1813
 Part II: Main Characters (WHO?)

Full Name/Role	2-5 Good Qualities	2-5 Bad Qualities	"Showing" Quote (CITE)
Elizabeth Bennet			
Fitzwilliam Darcy			
Jane Bennet			
Charles Bingley			
Mr. Bennet			
Mrs. Bennet			
Lydia Bennet			
George Wickham			
Mr. Collins			
MINOR CHARACTERS	Lady Catherine de Bourgh: rich, bossy noblewoman, Darcy's aunt, Collins's patron	Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner: Mrs. Bennet's brother and sister-in-law	Mary Bennet: middle sister (bookish and pedantic)
Miss Bingley: Charles' snobbish sister	Georgiana Darcy: Darcy's sister (pretty and shy pianist)	Charlotte Lucas: Elizabeth's dear friend	Catherine Bennet: fourth sister (like Lydia, flighty and enthralled with soldiers)

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Reading "Dialectical Journal"/Note-taking Chart *Pride and Prejudice*

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As you read, record information about your book for discussion with your classmates and possible inclusion in the final essay.

Part	List Important events. More than TEN per part	Evidence: Include TWO (or more) important quotes (including page number) and explain why they are important.
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Volume 1 (Chap. 1 – 23)		
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Volume 2 (chapters 24- 42)		

Pride and Prejudice Dialectical Journal (continued)

Part	List Important events. More than TEN per part	Evidence: Include TWO (or more) important quotes (including page number) and explain why they are important.
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Volume 3 (Chapters 43 - 61)		

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Summer Reading Comparative Review: Book vs. Film version

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1. After reading and completing the note-taking assignments for the summer reading, choose ONE book, view a film adaptation of it and complete the following:

2. Book title _____

3. Film title _____ Director _____ Year released _____

Principal actors _____

4. **General** review of the film {NOTE: When reviewing films in general you should consider quality of: Acting (casting, believability, chemistry); Technique (directing, pacing, camera work); Scenery (location, lighting, appropriateness); Music (style, relevance to plot, quality) and any other appropriate elements.}:

5. Comparative review: which ONE scene/aspect of the film was MOST effective, and why?

6. Comparative review: which ONE scene/aspect of the film was LEAST effective, and why?

7. Final recommendation/summary:

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Course Requirements (this is your reference copy of contract expectations)

The Advanced Placement (AP) designation means that the year-long course is equivalent to a semester-long college level English course, therefore expectations for the course coincide with college course expectations. Students and parents will sign a contract in the fall agreeing to the following:

- Completion of the Summer Project, and attending any meetings scheduled at the discretion of the instructor that do not conflict with prior engagements (i.e. special workshops or viewings after regular school hours.)
- Conscientiously maintaining **daily, on time attendance**.
- Completion of readings assigned outside of class, homework and research projects, if applicable.
- **Actively** participating in class discussions (especially Socratic Seminars) **frequently and consistently**, essentially adopting a role as a peer teacher.
- Taking the AP English exam to be given in early May.
- Keeping parents informed and actively participating in the educational process occurring in the Advanced Placement English (Literature and composition) class.
- Putting forth your best effort to improve your intellectual growth and development.
- Submission of all work in a timely fashion. (NOTE: Long-term assignments MUST be turned in on due date - even in the event of an absence.) Students earning a D for first semester will be expected to transfer to English 4 CP.
- Obtaining parent signature along with yours on the contract distributed May
- Graciously complying with the justifiable and reasonable request by instructor for removal from the class because of failure to comply with pre-established rules and regulations.

Teaching Materials In order to meet standards related to reviewing the elements of literary analysis and writing strategies we will use the AP-approved text: *Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense Ninth Edition* published by Perrine. Individual works are listed below. Students are welcome to use copies provided by JSUSD, but are urged to consider buying their own copies of the books (excluding the textbook.)

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Month(s)	Title	Author	Month(s)	Title	Authors
June/July/August	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austin	Winter Break	<i>Oedipus Cycle</i>	Sophocles
	<i>One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest</i>	Ken Kesey	January	<i>Othello</i>	Wm. Shakespeare
August/September	Perrine Text Basic Elements of Fiction and Poetry	editors	February	<i>Brave New World</i>	Aldous Huxley
October	<i>Beowulf</i>	Seamus Heaney, TR	March	<i>1984</i>	George Orwell
	<i>Grendel</i>	Martin Gardner	Spring Break	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>	Franz Kafka
November	Perrine Text: Drama*	editors	April	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Margaret Atwood
December	Holt Text: <i>Macbeth</i> (Final Exam >	Wm. Shakespeare <i>AP Style Exam</i>)	May	<i>Alice's Adventures</i>	Lewis Carroll

*Drama included in the text are: *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams, & *Fences* by August Wilson.

{These lists are subject to minor changes and additions.}

Half Price Book Store locations: **Willows Shopping Center**, Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520

Kress Building/Arts District, 2036 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704

Other Local Used Book Stores: Bookshop Benicia, 36 1st St, Benicia, CA 94510

Or check CCC, DVC, or Cal Maritime