

Mrs. Marquez
AP Literature and Composition
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AP Literature and Composition is a rigorous course taught on a college level, which includes careful and deliberate reading for multiple levels of meaning, intensive writing, and the study of a variety of literary genres and works. This course will develop your writing skills, and you will see that writing more than just function and formula. You will learn to write on a college level as you examine and analyze forms of literature, including poetry, short stories, drama and novels. The goal is for you to become analytical readers who not only grasp basic plot but also dissect literature for form, function, and meaning. Each member of this class is required to take the cumulative AP Literature exam in May. Highly competitive colleges and universities look for AP scores and will expect that a student who takes an AP course has also taken the AP test that concurs with the course. A passing score on the AP exam is a 3, but **many** colleges look for scores of 4 or 5.

Supplies Needed:

One-inch binder	College-ruled loose-leaf paper
Composition book	Pocket folder
Black pens	Pencils
Highlighters	Sticky notes/tabs (optional)

Classroom Rule: Be RESPECTFUL to everyone and everything in the classroom and on campus.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Students that take this course should take it seriously; everyone who accepts the challenge should devote time to preparing for this class **outside of class time**.
2. Engaged students are willing to wrestle with challenging content. They realize that having the right answer is not always as important as arriving at the answer itself.
3. Students show their quality by participating in class discussions with original ideas, bringing required materials, completing homework assignments, and working hard even when the content seems overwhelming or challenging.
4. Successful students have an overwhelming commonality—they LISTEN and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS the first time!
5. All major assignments will be typed using MLA format. Specific guidelines will be provided for individual assignments.
6. The grading scale for this course is: 90-100 A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 60-69 D, 59 and below F. Most individual papers will be graded on a 0-9 AP scale.
7. Course grades are divided into two categories: 60% summative, 40% formative.
8. Students are allowed six passes **per semester** for personal reasons. Students may not leave class for more than ten minutes. Students that come late to class should not expect to leave later in the period.
9. Make up work is to be completed in a timely manner—one day for each day absent. Weekends count! Students that need to make up quizzes/tests will be responsible for taking the test during Office Hours the day they return or as directed by the instructor.
10. This class requires presence, discipline, consistency, and attention to detail. Students that excel will find it worth every moment; **this is not the place for lackadaisical procrastinators.**