



AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION SYLLABUS

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

INTRODUCTION: Students in AP English Language and Composition study how writers use language to create meaning. Students will read and analyze a variety of nonfiction genres. The main focus is on writing expository, analytical, and argumentative essays and analyzing the works of major writers. In addition to writing, students will also study visual rhetoric such as photographs, advertisements, and political cartoons. Students will learn to read primary and secondary sources carefully, to synthesize material from these texts in their own compositions, and to cite sources. The class is structured around teaching reading and writing skills, honed by the close reading and writing of original student essays, many of which result from several revisions.

MAJOR WORK SEMESTER 1:

SUMMER WORK: Assessments & Review	UNIT 1: Introduction to Rhetoric	UNIT 2: Argument Nickel & Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich
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HOMEWORK POLICY/LATE WORK: This course is NOT IN EDGENUITY, and it DOES NOT FOLLOW THE MODULE SYSTEM, so homework will assigned weekly and is DUE EVERY FRIDAY by 3PM. Late work will be docked one letter grade for every week day late. Work will not be accepted more than a week late. All work MUST BE HANDWRITTEN UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. We need to get ready to handwrite for the entire AP test session, so we practice that by handwriting our homework.

STUDENT EVALUATION: Letter grades are based upon points obtained from classwork (30%) homework (40%) essays (10%) tests (10%) and summer homework (10%). The following standard grade percentages will be utilized: A=100-92.0; A-=91.9-90.0; B+=89.9-88.0; B=87.9-82.0; B-=81.9-80.0; C+=79.9-78.0; C=77.9-72.0; C-=71.9-70.0; D+=69.9-68.0; D=67.9-62.0; D-=61.9-60.0; F=59.9-0. Parents and students may check grades at any time via <https://aeries.redlandsusd.net/ParentPortal/LoginParent.aspx>

ASSESSMENTS: You are taking an AP class that is meant to prepare you to pass a high stakes test. We will take tests in class throughout the semester to simulate this environment. These tests are 10% of your grade. Sometimes I will give warning of these assessments, and sometimes I will not. Be sure to stay caught up on your homework and study your AP terms continually so you are ready for these assessments.

CLASS RULES: The class will follow rules established by the eAcademy Attendance and Discipline Policy. Cheating is not tolerated. Any student who cheats or allows another student to cheat from his or her work will receive a "0" for the assignment.

ATTENDANCE: Since this class is not online ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL. Attendance is counted in your classwork grade. Classwork can not always be made up, so make it a habit to be in class on time everyday.

PLEASE

DETACH _____

I have read the above **English Syllabus** and understand the course requirements. I am aware that this document is also available for my review anytime on the eAcademy website.

Student Name (Print) _____ Student Signature

Parent Name (Print) _____ Parent
Signature _____

E-mail address _____ (please write clearly) Phone
Number _____