

AP English Language and Composition
Calvary Christian High School
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What is AP English Language and Composition?

AP English Language and Composition is different from traditional English courses offered in high school. Rather than studying works of fiction and literature, the emphasis is on non-fiction work. By analyzing a wide range of writing styles and topics, we will learn the foundations of rhetoric, argumentation, style, and voice. The ability to analyze these elements will allow you to become a more critical observer of the world around you. We will also spend considerable time practicing with these four elements in your own writing and speaking, which will afford you the ability to wield them effectively in writing and speaking.

What do I have to do to receive college credit for the course?

Like all AP classes, we spend time throughout the year preparing for a nation-wide exam that occurs at the end of the school year. Passing that exam requires students to display mastery of analysis, synthesis, and argumentation via a rigorous multiple-choice section and three timed essays. Passing the exam awards a student with college credit for a college-level English course.

Who should take AP Language and Composition?

AP courses are demanding. They require a commitment of your time and energy, and it is expected that students who elect to take this course can read, write, and study independently in a fast-paced environment. That being said, the value of AP Language and Composition far outweighs the sacrifice. If you are willing to put forth the required effort, you will benefit tremendously from the immediately applicable concepts in this course.

What is the best way to contact you?

You are welcome to contact at me valdes.tony@cchs.us with any additional questions or concerns.