

# MNWSHS Contract for AP English Lit/Comp



**AP English Lit/Comp** is a challenging, goal-oriented, two-semester, course for highly self-motivated seniors who have a strong desire to engage in college-level skills of concise scholastic writing and close analytical reading of mature imaginative works of recognized literary merit. The course includes intensive study of literary structure, style, syntax, theme, and a host of other literary devices and techniques including imagery, figurative language, symbolism, and tone.

Students will examine representative works of fiction, poetry, and drama from several historical periods while reflecting on and enlarging their critical understanding of the experience of literature, the interpretation of literature, and the evaluation of literature.

All AP English Lit/Comp students are required to take the Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition examination during the second semester. Students with high AP exam scores may receive college credit as well as high school credit.

The sheer volume and challenging nature of the AP English reading and writing requirements, including the multi-book summer reading requirement below, means that students are expected to **complete 1-2 hours of homework per night**—including holidays.

Be forewarned of the **mature** nature of many literature selections in AP English Lit. Many works, such as Greek plays and OTHERS, contain sexual references, both humorous and degrading, to underscore inferior treatment of women, and some, such as *Brave New World*, deal with sexual promiscuity. As well, religion, race, politics, and other topics will be covered.

**Required Summer Reading—**

A critical essay writing assignment based on these works will begin the first weeks of class. Failure to complete summer reading requirements may disqualify a student from successfully surviving the first semester in AP English.

- I agree to complete all assignments with my best effort, including the summer reading, and adhere to the homework and attendance requirements during the entire school year.
- The student below has printed out the necessary copies online **and** has also covered the contents of the AP Student Handbook with parents or guardians and has understood the nature of the class.
- I also understand that some materials need to be provided by the household, whether purchasing or borrowing from a library.
- I understand that there will be **controversial topics** covered in class, such as death, sex, drugs, religion. These are only for literary purposes; I understand that this class is based on college syllabi. The Bible, and all that goes with or against it, will also be used as a literary tool – not as a proselytizing instrument.

I understand that if any questions arise, I can always contact the teacher who will be more than willing to share information about my child's success in this class.

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Let's have a great and productive year in room 3062 @ Miami Northwestern Senior High!

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_