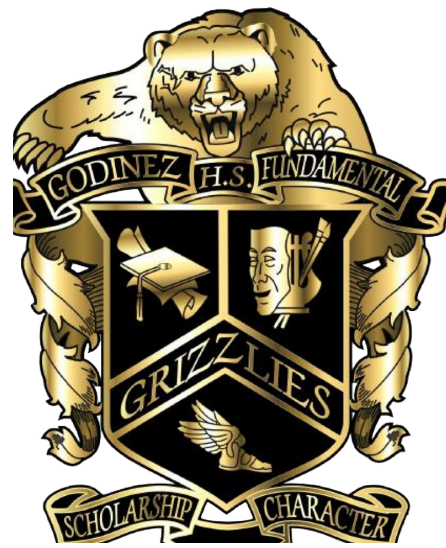


AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION



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AP Test:

In May, AP students will take the AP exam, a notoriously difficult multiple choice and essay test. We will prepare you for this big day. We are here to be guides and assist you – not adversaries, so let's make this challenging journey rewarding.

Course Overview and Expectations:

Congratulations on taking AP English Language, a college-level course in rhetoric, American literature, and composition! A great deal will be asked of you this year, and we are here to support you.

1. Bring all materials.
2. Be on time to class daily, which means being in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings. Tardy students will receive the penalties required by Godinez Fundamental High School.
3. No food or beverages are allowed in the classroom unless it is a part of an assignment or class activity.
4. Please, NO GUM CHEWING; Dress Code will be enforced.
5. You are expected to be courteous and respectful toward classmates and others (substitute teachers, guests, etc.) at all times. This expectation should go without saying in an AP class.
6. Come to class with an open mind and a willingness to learn.
7. Academic honesty is crucial. Sharing work, rephrasing ideas without citing, cutting and pasting material without attribution to the author, copying work, restating someone else's work, passing someone else's work as your own are just a few examples of academic dishonesty. Please show the champions of character that you are.

Homework: Students should plan on approximately 2 to 5 hours of homework *per week*. Homework includes writing, reading, and studying for tests or quizzes. As this is an AP class, students will be challenged with a heavier reading and writing workload than the minimum and should expect greater rigor when it comes to grading standards than the students in other levels of English; however, with careful planning, it is very possible to complete the homework well and still get enough sleep, do other work, and maintain balance with family and friends. Please make that your goal.

Homework that is not turned in on time or is incomplete will result in a homework card and the resulting penalties. Late work will rarely be accepted since not completing assignments will negatively impact your progress. If late work will be accepted on an assignment, your instructor will tell you of the deductions ahead of time. If you are absent and have an excused absence, you have as many days as the absence to make up the work without penalty, unless the assignment has been assigned more than 2 days before the absence; however, successful AP students find out the assignments and complete them on time, even when absent. Be a successful AP student.

Tests and Quizzes: A variety of assessments will be given in this class, from classroom presentations, to discussion participation, to essay scores, to multiple choice test performance, and more.

Writing: As a composition course, this class will demand a great deal of writing. Students should expect to write and revise weekly. Growth takes time, and this is the area we have seen the most growth in our AP English Language students, so keep the tradition alive.

Materials:

Bring materials to class daily.

These include:

- a) necessary book(s)
- b) pens, pencils, paper
- c) binder or folder for English
- d) completed assigned homework
- e) a fully-charged Chromebook (headphones that are compatible with your Chromebook will help)

