

## **AP English Language and Composition**

### **RCAS Policies/Procedures:**

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

### **Course Description:**

This writing-intensive course prepares students for college-level writing and introduces American literature. Students will write for various audiences and purposes and will read both fiction and nonfiction, analyzing writers' rhetorical styles. The course is recommended for students planning to enroll in AP Literature their senior year, and passing the AP exam earns a writing credit that most colleges require for all students.

### **Textbook:**

The American Experience (Prentice Hall)

They Say, I Say (Graff and Birkenstein 2018).

### **Required Resources:**

The Grapes Of Wrath (Steinbeck)

**"Limited Choice" Resources:** (students will be asked to choose three titles from this list of AP exam novels)

*Albee - Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

*Allende, I. - My Invented Country*

-Portrait in Sepia

*Anaya - Bless Me, Ultima*

*Angelou - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

*Atwood, M.* - Cat's Eye

-The Blind Assassin

-Oryx and Crake

*Auel* - Clan of the Cave Bear

*Baldwin* - Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Beckett* - Waiting for Godot

*Bellow* - The Adventures of Augie March

-Seize the Day

*Bowen* - The Death of the Heart

*Burch* - They Cage the Animals at Night

*Brooks* - March

- Year of Wonders

*Buck* - The Good Earth

*Bulosan* - America is in the Heart

*Carver, R.* - Where I'm Calling From

*Cather* - Death Comes for the Archbishop

- My Antonia

*Choi, S.* - American Woman

*Cooper* - The Last of the Mohicans

*Cunningham, M.* - The Hours

*Davies* - Fifth Business

*Dee* - The Privileges

*DeLillo, D.* - Underworld

-White Noise

-Libra

*Diaz, J.*- The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Woo

- Drown

*Dick, P.* - Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

*Doctorow, E.L.* - The March

-Billy Bathgate

-Ragtime

*Dreiser* - An American Tragedy

-Sister Carrie

*Egan, J.* - The Invisible Circus

- The Keep

*Edwards* - The Memory Keeper's Daughter

*Erdich* - Love Medicine

-Tracks

*Faulkner, W.* - As I Lay Dying

-Light in August

-The Sound and the Fury

*Fitzgerald* - Tender is the Night

*Foer* - Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

*Ford* - Parade's End

- The Good Soldier

*Ford,R.* - Independence Day

-A Piece of My Heart

-The Sportswriter

*Forster* - A Passage to India

*Franzen, J.* - The Corrections

*Gaines* - A Gathering of Old Men

- A Lesson Before Dying

*Glasgow*- Vein of Iron

-Virginia

*Gordimer* - My Son's Story

*Grau, S.* – The Keeper of the House

*Graves* - I, Claudius

*Greene* - The Power and the Glory

*Guest* - Ordinary People

*Guterson*- Snow Falling on Cedars

*Hammett* - The Maltese Falcon

*Hansbury* - A Raisin in the Sun

*Harding* - Tinkers

*Hawthorne, N.* - The House of the Seven Gables

*Heller, J.* - Portrait of an Artist as an Old Man

*Helprin, M.* – A Soldier of the Great War

-Winter's Tale

*Hemingway, E* - For Whom the Bell Tolls

- The Sun Also Rises

*Holthe* - When the Elephants Dance

*Hurston* - Their Eyes Were Watching God

*Huxley, A.* - Brave New World

*James, H.* - Daisy Miller

-The Turn of the Screw

*Jen* - Typical American

*Johnson* - Middle Passage

*Johnson,* - The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man

*Johnson, D.* – Tree of Smoke

*Jones* - Cry, the Beloved Country

*Jones, E.* - The Known World

*Just, W.* – An Unfinished Season

*Keillor, G.* - Lake Woebegon Days

*Kennedy* - Ironweed

*Kesey, K.* - One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

-Sometimes a Great Notion

*Kingsolver, B.* - Pigs in Heaven

-The Poisonwood Bible

-The Bean Trees

*Knowles, J.* - A Separate Peace

*Kotlowitz* - There Are No Children Here

*Lee, Chang Rae* – The Surrendered

*Lewis* - Main Street

*Lowry*- Under the Volcano

*MacLennan* - The Watch that Ends the Night

*Mailer* – Armies of the Night

*Malamud, B.* - The Assistant

*Marshall* - Praisesong for the Widow

*Martin, L* – The Bright Forever

*McCarthy, C.* - All the Pretty Horses

-The Road

-Blood Meridian

-Cities of the Plain

-No Country for Old Men

*McCourt, F.* - Angela's Ashes

*McCullers, C.* - The Member of the Wedding

- The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

*McDermott, A.* - After This

- That Night

*Melville,* - Billy Budd

- Moby Dick

*Miller, A.* - Death of a Salesman

- Tropic of Cancer

- All My Sons

*Momaday* - House Made of Dawn

*Morrison, T.* - Song of Solomon

- The Bluest Eye

- Sula

*Oates, J.C.* - Blonde

*O'Brien, T.* - In The Lake of the Woods

- Going After Cacciato

*O'Connor, F.* - Wise Blood

*O'Connor, E.* - The Edge of Sadness

*Okada* - No-No Boy

*O'Neill* - The Hairy Ape

- Desire Under the Elms

*Patchett, A.* - Bel Canto

*Penn* - Moll Flanders

*Percy* - The Moviegoer

*Plath, S.* - The Bell Jar

*Potok* - The Chosen

*Proulx* - Postcards

-The Shipping News

*Racine* - Phedre

*Powers, R.* - The Echo Maker

*Rand, A.* - The Fountainhead

-Atlas Shrugged

*Rhys* - Wide Sargasso Sea

*Richler, The* Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz

*Robinson, M* - Gilead

- Housekeeping

*Roth, P.* - The Counterlife

-American Pastoral

-The Human Stain

*Russell* - Swamplandia!

*Russo, R.* - Empire Falls

*Scott, J* - The Manikin

*Shaffer* - Equus

*Silko* - Ceremony

*Sinclair, U.* - The Jungle

*Smiley, J.* - A Thousand Acres

*Smith, A* - Tree Grows in Brooklyn

*Sontag, S.* - In America

*Stegner* - The Angle of Repose

*Steinbeck, J.* - Winter of Our Discontent

- The Pastures of Heaven

-Cup of Gold

*Stoppard* - *Rosencratz and Gildenstern Are Dead*

*Stowe* - *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

*Styron, W.* - *The Confessions of Nat Turner*

*Tan, A.* - *The Joy Luck Club*

- *The Bonesetter's Daughter*

*Tyler* - *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*

*Waugh* - *A Handful of Dust*

-*Brideshead Revisited*

-*The Loved One*

*Welch* - *Winter in the Blood*

*Welty, E.* - *Delta Wedding*

-*The Optimist's Daughter*

*West* - *The Day of the Locust*

*Wharton* - *Ethan Frome*

*Wideman* - *Sent for You Yesterday*

*Williams, T.* - *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

-*A Streetcar Named Desire*

-*The Glass Menagerie*

*Wilson, A.* - *Fences*

-*Joe Turner's Come and Gone*

-,*The Piano Lessons*

*Woolf, V.* - *Mrs. Dalloway*

*Wright* - *Native Son*



**Student Choice:**

Will student be asked to choose additional reading material from the classroom or school library?

Yes

**Essential Questions:**

Please see the College Board Course and Exam Description linked below:

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**Essential Learning Intentions:**

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