



Dubuque COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Course Syllabus: AP Language and Composition

Course Description

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition will engage students in becoming skilled readers of rich prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts in a year-long class. Through application, students will become skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes, thus satisfying the composition graduation requirement. Ultimately, this course will help the student prepare to take the AP English Language and Composition Exam and college reading and writing classes. Summer reading and writing will be required of students who enroll in AP English Language and Composition.

[View the Iowa Core Standards related to this course](#)

Resources

Core text:

- *Ideas in Argument* by Bedford Freeman Worth (2022)
- *The Language of Composition* by Bedford/St. Martins (2007)
- *The Bedford Reader* by Bedford/St. Martins (2005)

Supporting/supplemental texts:

- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich maria Remarque
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
- *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer
- *Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass
- *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold
- *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

Grading Scale

A- 92 – 90
B+ 89 – 87
B 86 – 83
B- 82 – 80
C+ 79 – 77
C 76 – 73
C- 72 – 70
D+ 69 – 67
D 66 – 63
D- 62 – 60
F Below 60%

Parent/Guardian Access to Canvas

Parents/guardians may access their student's courses as an observer on the district's Canvas Learning Management System.

[Instructions: How to Observe Your Child's Canvas Classes](#)