

# AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION SYLLABUS

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One core credit

May substitute for American Lit/Comp requirement, retaining the AP label.

DOE course codes: 23.04300 (AP Lang), 23.05300 (AP Lang/Am Lit substitution)

## SEMESTER 1: SEEING PERSUASION

Students investigate the ways and whys of rhetorical analysis

- Identifying rhetorical strategies and devices
- Analyzing contexts and judging evidence
- Seeing current and classic trends in persuasion
- Modeling after professional communicators
- Presenting well orally, visually, and in writing

## SEMESTER 2: BEING PERSUASIVE

Students deepen persuasive study and create their own persuasive works

- Continuing extensive rhetorical analysis
- Building a personal writing voice
- Researching and reporting well, using APA and MLA styles
- Analyzing rhetorical humor and satire
- Working creatively and efficiently in small groups

**Primary Text:** Samuel Cohen's *50 Essays: A Portable Anthology*, ISBN-13: 9780312454029, ISBN-10: 0312454023; copyright 2004 by Bedford/St. Martin's. This text contains multiple works by American writers, from varying time periods of American history.

**Paperbacks:** Malcom Gladwell's *Outliers*, George Orwell's *1984*, Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*

**Additional Materials:** speeches, documentaries, debates, podcasts, news sources, magazines, classic documents, community resources, book excerpts, personal experiences, popular humor, College Board released AP exams and materials for practice

**Extra Credit Reading:** Optional, during the summer or during the school year. Details may be found at [MargaretShuman.com](http://MargaretShuman.com).

**Late work policy:** Students may miss a deadline each semester for any reason and still have an assignment receive a grade with no penalty. After grace is given once each semester, except for extreme situations, late work can only be submitted if a student arranges a conference that fits the schedule of a parent/guardian, Mrs. Shuman, and the student.

**National AP Lang Exam in May:** This exam is not required to complete the course. There are usually several testing locations available.