

An Overview of the AP English Language and Composition Course

- This course *is* freshman composition. It is the same course I would take in college as a freshman.
- This class is about learning to think in terms of rhetorical strategies like diction (word choice) and syntax (sentence patterns).
- One of my primary goals will be to learn to recognize the significant strategies used by other writers.
- Another important goal will be to learn to convey my own voice in my writing through the use of rhetorical strategies.
- I will also work toward moving away from formulaic writing without throwing away good organization.
- I will learn to revise essays based on the qualities associated with each score on a rubric rather than relying on instructions from a teacher.
- I will also need to practice sound grammar in the form of accurate spelling, word usage, sentence structure, and punctuation.
- I will become familiar with the rhetorical triangle and keep it in mind as I read and write:

Author



Audience

Purpose

- And, of course, I'll want to prepare myself for the AP English Language and Composition test, which consists of:
 - 3 Essays (one rhetorical analysis, one argument, and one synthesis)
 - 2 hours and 15 minutes
 - A multiple choice, very high level, reading/textual analysis test
 - 45 questions in 60 minutes