

Advanced Placement Language and Composition 11
Mrs. Lindeman

Prerequisites:

- 85% overall grade in Literature and Composition 10 Honors or 92% overall grade in Literature and Composition 10 with the recommendation of the English teacher.
- Completion of summer reading assignments.
- Completion and return of this contract by June 1, 2018. Students who do not sign and return this contract will not be enrolled in the course.

Advanced Placement Language and Composition takes the positions that everything is an argument. We will analyze how authors use diction, syntax, attitude, and tone to enhance their arguments and to convey their positions. We will study the purpose and function of language, how authors manipulate words and word placement, sentence and paragraph structures, tailoring them to their styles, needs, and audiences, affecting mood and meaning, atmosphere and message. Additionally, you will become aware of the choices an author makes in using sources to validate his or her position. We will also survey American literature, beginning with Colonial times.

Summer Reading:

Notes on *East of Eden* and the second book are due on the first day of class when the 2018- 2019 school year begins.

First Required Reading

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Notes must be typed and double-spaced and should be three pages in length. Your notes should identify the characters, events, and themes of the novel.

Second Required Reading

Choose **one** of the following books.

- *The Federalist Papers* by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison
- *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by John Meacham
- *American Sphinx* by Joseph J. Ellis
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

Notes must be typed and double-spaced and should be three pages in length. Major ideas and themes of the book should be covered.

Course Expectations:

- A research paper will be due the first quarter. Paper requirements, style requirements, and thesis topics will be assigned in class during the second week of the first quarter. Two other research papers will be assigned during the year.
- Students will have approximately 45 minutes of homework three nights per week. Outside reading will be assigned and is not included in the homework estimate.
- All essays with the exception of in-class writes must be typed and double-spaced. Papers not in this format will receive a zero grade.
- Good attendance is expected. Students who are habitually tardy or absent will be encouraged to drop the course.
- Students must maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter to remain enrolled in the course. Students who fail to maintain an 85% grade will be moved to Literature and Composition 11 or 11 Honors.
- Extra credit work is not available in this course.

I have read the course requirements for Advanced Placement Literature and Composition 11. I agree to complete the summer reading assignments and to maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter in the course. I understand that failure to complete the summer reading requirement or failure to maintain the required grade percentage will result in placement in Literature and Composition 11.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

