



# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English

Course Selection  
2019-2020

# Course Purpose

- ALL 11<sup>th</sup> grade English classes are designed to help students become **deeper readers, more analytical writers, and critical thinkers.**
- In addition to the study of numerous non-fiction primary source documents, students will read **novels** by major American authors that should augment the student's understanding of a particular **time period, style, or issue.**

# *All levels focus on: **skills!***

## Reading

- ❑ close reading modeling in class
- ❑ annotating practice for a deeper understanding
- ❑ focusing on understanding the author's purpose

## Writing

- ❑ rhetorical & literary analysis
- ❑ persuasive
- ❑ **SOL & SAT**
- ❑ document based synthesis
- ❑ research paper
- ❑ All students will practice and have opportunities to revise

# English 11

Students are expected:

- to have a **fundamental understanding** of material as the class is more structured, with more opportunities to review plot and concepts.
- to work on **reading and annotating skills** to improve comprehension.
- to work on informal and formal writing skills to be able to create persuasive arguments using the **CEC** paragraph organization.

# English 11 Honors

Students are expected:

- to possess a **strong understanding of plot** as texts may be explored in **greater depth**, as class work is spent building on basic tenets at a **more accelerated rate**.
- to exhibit **complexity of thought** and a **more sophisticated use of language** and style & work on improving their writing skills over the course of the school year.
- to exhibit **independent diligence and self-advocacy**.

# AP Language & Composition

Students are expected:

- to exhibit **complexity of thought** and a **more sophisticated** use of language and style.
- to work on reading and writing skills in preparation for the national exam in May.

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OR LINKED with AP U.S. History.*

# AP Options

- Students have the option of taking AP Language and Composition as a stand alone course OR LINKED with AP U.S. History.
- Linked - consists of two courses, AP U.S. History and AP English Language & Composition. The **interdisciplinary focus** means that students will study the same material in the same chronological order thus will receive **enhanced learning of content** in both classes.
- In terms of **writing**, students will focus on the **same organizational rules** and write in both English and history thus improving their skills with additional practice.
- Students will write **one (total) research paper** if they chose the linked option.



# Frequently Asked Questions

	Standard	Honors	AP
Pages of reading per night	20-25	30-40	30-50
Essays per quarter	1-2	2-3	3-4
Projects per quarter	1-2	1-2	2-3



## Making a decision.....

1. Consider your teacher's recommendation
2. Consider that **strong writing skills** are required for all college courses



# Electives



# THE SAXON SCOPE

## Enjoy writing? Photography? Design?

If you answered yes to any of these, consider refining your journalism skills and become part of *The Saxon Scope*, the print and online news publication at Langley!



Duration: One year

Homework: Minimal

**\*\*Journalism counts as a Fine Arts elective required for graduation!**



# Film Studies



the cure for  
the common  
course

- \* FULL YEAR film course! \* View films from many exciting genres \*
- \* Learn about film history, theory, and culture \* Work done in class \*
- \* A Humanities Department elective \*
- Occasional writing (NOT a writing-based course) \*
- Counts as a *Fine Arts Elective* required for graduation



# Forensics and Debate

**Both are semester-long classes where students build confidence, character, and competence as they deliver speeches on various topics.**

**The Speech & Debate Club is student driven and quite active.**