

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL
ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)
ENGLISH**



What is Advanced Placement English?

The AP English program is designed for motivated, high achieving students who enjoy reading, deep discussions, and writing. Students will be given the opportunity develop critical thinking and analytical writing skills, as well as build their reading repertoire.

The long-term goal of this program is to offer students an intellectually stimulating way to acquire the skills necessary for success in university and onwards. Students will also be prepared to write the AP Literature and Composition exam in grade 12.

What is Pre-AP versus AP English?

Pre-AP English

Pre-AP English is a vertical approach to developing skills and knowledge for success on the AP exam over a four-year period. Grade 8 students may be recommended for the Pre-AP grade 9 English course (ENG 1DP) by their grade 8 teacher. Students can remain in the Pre-AP stream (ENG 2DP, ENG 3UP) based on their achievement. Students may also enter the Pre-AP stream at any point in their high school career with a recommendation from their English teacher.

AP English

The AP English course (ENG 4UP) is a university level English course that has been audited by the AP College Board to provide a first year university equivalency course in literature. It directly prepares grade 12 students for the AP exam.

Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all.

--Henry David Thoreau

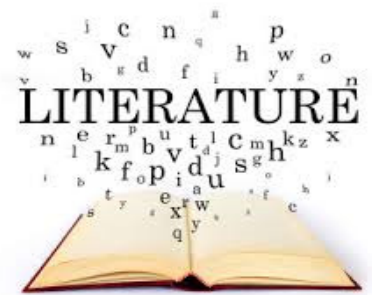
Why should I consider signing up?

University credits may be awarded to students who perform well on their AP exam. While the examination is optional, it is highly recommended. *Most universities in Ontario recognize and reward successful completion of the AP examination.* Aside from credits, all students will receive a wealth of experience and skill that will benefit them all of their lives. Students will learn to think critically and analytically, hone their oral communication skills, and gain unique perspectives on literary works and the world.

How do I know if this is for me?

Grades are only one of the many factors that go into determining whether a student can enrol in AP English. Students who demonstrate curiosity, enjoyment of reading, a reflective nature, higher order of thinking, and self-motivation should consider the AP program.

The Pre-AP and AP English courses follow the Ontario curriculum. The focus is not to create more work, but deeper, sometimes different work that challenges students higher order thinking skills.



What are the overall benefits of AP?

Enrichment: AP provides greater depth and breadth

Flexibility: AP content is blended with the Ontario Curriculum

Challenge: AP gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves

Preparation: students are more comfortable and confident once they reach university

International recognition: 90% of North American universities and colleges recognize AP in their admissions process

Rigorous Standards: AP courses are administered by the American College Board; exams are graded according to AP standards.