



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

**Course Title:** 004091-2 AP Literature and Composition (Year, 1 credit)

**Course Description:**

This course is designed for students who are interested in earning college credit through the AP program. The course follows the College Board AP syllabus which prepares students for the AP exam in May. Course content includes the study of classic literature from the 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> century across genres and cultures. Through literary analysis we will examine style and structure, the writer's diction, imagery, use of detail, language and syntax. Students will write about literature extensively as they explore philosophy, psychology, and connections to contemporary life. Outside reading of modern, as well as canon authors, is required.

**Units of Study:**

- Basics of Interpretation (Short Fiction)
- Modern Novel
- Drama (Shakespeare)
- Poetic Analysis
- 19th Century Novel
- Worldview (Novel)

**Texts and Required Readings may include:**

Various short stories

Various Poetry

*Great Gatsby*

*Great Expectations*

*Jane Eyre*

*King Lear*

*Crime and Punishment*

*Homegoing*

*The Mayor of Casterbridge*

*Remains of the Day*

*Native Son*

*Brave New World*

*Cloud Atlas*

*The Stranger*

*Their Eyes Were Watching God*

**BHS Grading Scale and Policy:**

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

Below 60% = F

**BHS Makeup Work Policy:**

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

**Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:**

The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.