

# AP English Language and Composition

For new and experienced AP teachers, this workshop includes College Board resources, released exams and student samples

## Learning outcomes

After attending this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Align their instruction with the goals of the AP English Language and Composition course
- Identify the skills and knowledge that the exam will assess, and identify the tasks and materials for which students might need more preparation
- Draft a syllabus that meets the curricular requirements for the course
- Make equitable access a guiding principle in designing instruction

## Workshop materials

At every AP English Language workshop held by the College Board, each participant receives a copy of the **Workshop Handbook**, which contains:

- **AP English Language and Composition Course Description**
- **AP Course Audit** information
- **Sample syllabus** for AP English Language and Composition and a **Syllabus Development Guide**
- AP English Language and Composition **free-response materials** (student samples, scoring guidelines and commentary)
- **Multiple-choice questions and answers** from the AP English Language and Composition 2007 Released Exam

## Curriculum Module: Rhetoric in Pre-20th-Century Texts

It is natural for teachers (and their students) to question the benefit of close reading and analysis of "ancient English" passages that, initially at least, strike many students as completely alien. However, in a course that features language, it's important to discern just *how*, over decades and centuries, different authors have used words to shape our understanding of real human experience. These articles represent an effort by teachers to share practices that have worked with students as they struggle with pre-20th-century prose. Each author suggests that addressing such struggles can help students gain competence and build confidence. Chapters include:

- Ideas First: Achieving Success with Rhetorical Analysis
- "We Hold These Truths to Be Self-Evident": The Rhetoric of Liberty
- Something Old, Something New: Into the Past by Placing Writing Before Reading
- Analyzing the Rhetoric of Abraham Lincoln

**Note:** Curriculum module materials reflect important topics in AP courses, and the materials are meant to provide teachers with resources and classroom ideas. However, curriculum module materials should **not** be taken as an indication that a particular topic will appear on the AP Exam.