

# AP English Literature & 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 Literature 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 Literature workshop held by the College Board, each participant receives a copy of the **Workshop Handbook**, which contains:

- **AP English Literature and Composition Course Description**
- **AP Course Audit** information
- **Sample syllabus** for AP English Literature and Composition and a **Syllabus Development Guide**
- AP English Literature and Composition **free-response materials** (student samples, scoring guidelines and commentary)
- **Multiple-choice questions and answers** from the AP English Literature and Composition 2009 Released Exam

## Curriculum Module: Developing Analytical Skills Through Poetry

This curriculum module offers several strategies to help students develop their analytical skills with regard to poetry, a genre students frequently struggle to understand. Is there only one correct interpretation? How can it be poetry if it doesn't rhyme? Why does it seem that some people can pull deep meaning from poems while others can't even figure out what is being said? With such questions in mind, the three lessons offered in this curriculum module provide differentiated instructional approaches. The lessons address a range of poetry to highlight the diversity of the genre and demonstrate the flexibility of strategies that students can use to access poetry and analyze it with confidence.

- **Lesson 1:** Contemporary Poetry
- **Lesson 2:** Making Poetry FIT
- **Lesson 3:** Writing About Shakespeare's Language
- **Summative Assessment**

**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.