



G-E-T High School Curriculum
Align, Explore, Empower
Scope and Sequence
AP Literature

Current Books: Their Eyes Were Watching God Death of a Salesman Othello Of Mice and Men Choice Novel Unit How to Read Literature Like a Professor	“Units”: Poetry and Prompt #1 Every Text Ever and Prompt #2 Every Text Ever and Prompt #3 Multiple Choice Exam and Stem Questions Vocabulary Test Review
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Unit 1 - Introduce the Exam	1 week
- Introduce the class to each part of the test and the general expectations of the course	
In this unit, students will ...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Practice taking a complete AP Lit test for the first time● Learn a basic overview of everything they will learn this year● Understand the syllabus and gain a general idea of what novels will be covered over the year's course.	

Unit 2 - Practice Critical Analysis Through Short Stories	4 weeks
- The class will read <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> and a dozen short stories	
- The class will use these texts to practice reading using different critical lenses/theories to analyze a story.	
- The class will end the unit by analyzing a text from an AP test prompt #2	
In this unit, students will ...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Develop a number of strategies to look at a text from different perspectives● Present their information of a closely analyzed text to the class● Begin developing their reading and writing skills to reflect the vigor and expectations of college courses and the AP exam.	

Unit 3/4 - Poetry

4-8 Weeks

- The class will apply their skills of close reading and analysis to various poems.
 - o This unit could be best rotated with *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, depending on the teacher's preference and the current class' abilities writing/analysis abilities
 - o A mini review should be covered around March to allow students to continue thinking about poetry analysis.

In this unit, students will ...

- Read poems of various lengths and difficulty
- Interpret the meaning of the poem
- Identify the use of various kinds of figurative language in a poem
- Define and explain why the author chose to use a specific device and its significance to the poem
- Read a dozen AP test prompt #1 examples and use them to practice analyzing, outlining, and writing answers to the specific prompt - "Plants" is a particular favorite.

Unit 3 - *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

3 weeks

- The class will read the select novel, paying close attention to analysis, themes, and character development

In this unit, students will ...

- Read a challenging novel that features AAE (Ebonics)
- Analyze the text, paying close attention to figurative language and symbolism (such as Janie's hair)
- Observe the development of Janie's character and the plot elements the author employs to do so.
- Identify the major themes of the novel such as "Identity as a (black, mix-race, woman, wife, etc)"
- Write an AP test prompt #3 question discussing Janie's past and the meaning of the text as a whole.

Unit 5 - Othello

December

- The class will spend three weeks reading *Othello* together as a class.

In this unit, students will ...

- Read a text with abstract language from a "foreign" culture and time period
- Analyze the character development/destruction of Othello and Iago
- Interpret the meaning of the work as a whole and the justifications behind each character's actions.
- Practice responding to an AP Literature Prompt #3 question

Unit 6 - Death of a Salesman

(Jan-End of Term 2)

- This brief play is a bit of a break in terms of reading difficulty, but features a unique organization and a collection of characters that are equally special.

In this unit, students will ...

- Read a play that is complicated due to an unreliable character's mental instability
- Analyze the text, paying close attention to figurative language and symbolism (such as Willy's car, stockings, the flute playing, etc.)
- Observe the development of Willy and Biff's character and the organization the author employs to do so.
- Identify the major themes of the novel such as "Living up to the "American Dream", "Sacrificing for Family", "Pride as a tragic flaw", etc.
- Write an AP test prompt #3 question Willy's actions and the meaning of the text as a whole.