

# AP English Literature & Composition Application Form

*\*Student: Complete all components of this application and submit to Mrs. Bautista by the deadline. This application process does not guarantee your position in this course. All final decisions will be made by Mrs. Bautista, who takes everything into consideration, including attendance at the mandatory meeting in May and participation in the mandatory summer assignments.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Extremely important; this is how we stay connected.

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current English Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Semester Average in English: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you frequently absent from school? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, what are your primary reasons for these absences? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have computer and internet access daily at home? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Would you consider yourself to be a strong writer? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Why do you think that? \_\_\_\_\_

AP courses are very demanding and rigorous. Are you willing and able to devote 1-2 hours each day outside of school to be successful in this course? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

By taking this AP course you are required to take the AP Literature & Composition exam at the end of the school year. Passing this exam could result in college credit.

Are you willing to do all that you can in order to be successful on this exam? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Are you planning on taking any other AP courses next year? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be participating in extracurricular activities and/or sports next year? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you enjoy reading for pleasure? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If so, what genre of literature do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

# AP English Literature & Composition Application Essay

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Respond to the essay writing prompt below. Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and utilize 12-point Times New Roman font. Essay should be stapled to your application when submitted.*

Often in literature a character's success in achieving goals depends on keeping a secret and divulging it only at the right moment, if at all.

Choose a novel or play of literary merit that requires a character to keep a secret. In a well-organized essay, briefly explain the necessity for secrecy and how the character's choice to reveal or keep the secret affects the plot and contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

You may select a work from the list below, or you may choose another work of recognized literary merit suitable to the topic. Do NOT write about a short story, poem or film.

*Beloved*  
*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*  
*Crime and Punishment*  
*Death of a Salesman*  
*A Doll House*  
*Ghosts*  
*Great Expectations*  
*The Great Gatsby*  
*Heart of Darkness*  
*The Importance of Being Earnest*

*Jane Eyre*  
*Light in August*  
*Macbeth*  
*The Mayor of Casterbridge*  
*The Piano Lesson*  
*The Playboy of the Western World*  
*Romeo and Juliet*  
*The Scarlet Letter*  
*Song of Solomon*

# AP English Literature & Composition Recommendation Form

*\*Students: You must give this form to your CURRENT English teacher to complete. Please print your name on the form and follow up with your teacher to be sure the form was received and submitted to Mrs. Bautista. It is your job to ensure all parts of your application make it to Mrs. Bautista before the deadline. Therefore, be sure to give your teacher ample time to complete this form.*

*\*\*Teachers: Please complete this form honestly and return to Mrs. Bautista. The student will NOT see this form or be advised as to what you have recommended. Also be aware that the final decision is made by Mrs. Bautista, who takes all recommendations into consideration.*

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider the following characteristics of the candidate in making your recommendation:

- Commitment to intellectual pursuits
- Ability to deal with abstract concepts
- Ability to convey advanced thinking in both writing and speech
- Capacity for independent study
- Ability to accept and apply constructive criticism
- Exemplary attendance
- Overall dedication and commitment to academics
- Desire to consistently exceed expectations

Recommendation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Highly recommended  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recommended  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recommended with reservation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not recommended

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Current English Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AP English Teacher:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Recommended**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Recommended with reservation**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Not recommended**

Comments \_\_\_\_\_