**North Hunterdon High School  
English Department  
Course Syllabus**

Course: AP Literature and Composition   
Grade Level: 12  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

AP English Composition and Literature involves the thorough analysis of literature and the study and practice of writing. Students will examine a myriad of text’s language, characters, actions, and themes. Each text’s structure, meaning, value, and relationship to contemporary and historical experiences will be considered and discussed. Students will scrutinize representative works from several genres (poetry, literature, plays, epics, etc.) and concentrate on reading and writing about challenging works of recognized literary merit.

**NJ CORE CONTENT CURRICULUM STANDARDS:**  
  
*All students will:*  
 - Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific  
 textual evidence when writing or peaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.  
 - Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and   
 figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.  
 - Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and  
 relevant and sufficient evidence.  
 - Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse  
 partners, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  
 - Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different context clues, analyzing  
 meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.  
  
  
**MATERIALS:**  
- *Hamlet* (Shakespeare) *- As You Like It* (Shakespeare) *- Chronicle of a Death Foretold* (Gabriel Garcia Marquez) *- Revolutionary Road* (Yates)  
- Various Poetry  
- Short Stories