Pre- AP English I is the first year in a two-year preparatory course of study for Advanced Placement Literature and Language. Students are expected to maintain an A or B average in this course in order to continue with the Pre- AP English program.

**General Topics of Study:**

We will focus on literary analysis, rhetorical devices, close reading, critical thinking, college-ready grammar skills, process writing for AP Prompts and for FSA, research, and SAT/ ACT preparation--with the terminology and rubrics of the AP in mind.

**Homework/ Out-of-Class Commitment:**

As an accelerated course, Pre-AP English I will require at least as many hours of outside-the-classroom preparation as in-classroom preparation. In order for you to the gain the knowledge and practice the skills needed for the college classes, you and your parents will need to structure time at home for reading and writing assignments for this class. Expect **up to 5 hours per week of English** work at home. Procrastination on assignments will make this number appear to escalate and will cause stress.

**Troubleshooting:**

**I] Homework**

1) I forget to do my HW.
2) I can’t seem to remember what is due.
3) I write down my HW assignments, but forget to check them.

- Please write and check daily assignments in the agenda book Lemon Bay gives you.
- Check your phone or agenda book at the same time every day--preferably when you get home from school or from an after-school activity.
- Take a picture of homework board in the classroom before or after class.
- Go to my website for the HW.

**II] Procrastination / Late work**

1) I work better under pressure.
2) I need my phone to do my assignments.
3) I don’t really have anything really DUE tomorrow.
4) I have a game tonight and won’t be home until late.
5) I can always turn it in later and just take the points off.

- Admit procrastination is a choice and not your nature.
- Make a work schedule and stick to it. Cross off work on your agenda or calendar when you complete it.
- Use days that you have a light load to read or prep for future tests or projects during your allotted time. You do not work better under pressure.
- Have a routine and a set space. No TV, cell phones, or social media for your allotted time. Take breaks every 30 minutes to an hour depending on your stamina.
- Reward yourself after completion of tasks, not during.
- Take advantage of after-school study halls with tutoring and team study time.
- Pre- AP and AP English Courses do not accept late work except in extreme circumstances.
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Pre- AP English I Informational Sheet  
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Recommended Resources (handy for your high-school English career and beyond):

- A Pocket Style Manual, (Sixth or Seventh Edition), Diana Hacker (We recommend that each 9th grade honors student purchase this book, for it will be useful for the remainder of high school and into college.)
- Our Lemon Bay Website, especially the Media Link to writing guides, Study Skills Appendix, Noodle Tools, and the Manta Writing Handbook
- OWL Purdue Online Writing Lab website
- The AP College Board website
- https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=fsa+portal
- Your own copy of all novels- available at Goodwill Bookstore and on Amazon- sometimes for a penny plus shipping.

Summer Work:

Summer work will be available in the middle of May and will be available on the Lemon Bay website on the left margin, on each teacher’s website, through your current middle school English teacher, through the guidance office, and through Mr. Murphy’s office. Teachers are available through email over the summer to answer questions and concerns. We advise that you ask early, though, so assistance may be given. Students who do not complete summer work will not automatically be transferred from the class and will begin the year with a zero. If a transfer must occur, the zero will be transferred with the student.

Summer Boot Camp Topics (Date and time TBA.)

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