

## Overview of FMHS AP English Program

***Some type of summer reading assignment is required for all advanced English classes.***

### English I preAP

Freshmen are experiencing their first taste of advanced English. Studies include a broad range of literary genres: short stories, poetry, novels, non-fiction essays, drama and research. Students learn the basics of literary analysis, formal writing, research techniques and college prep vocabulary.

### English II preAP

Students will work all term on a college research project. They choose two colleges or universities to compare entrance requirements, costs, and degree plans. They also prepare resumes and application essays.

The formal research project is a response to student curiosity.

Students leave English II preAP ready to take on college-level work.

### English III AP

Students will produce formal research papers over literary criticism on American authors' works. Students have several options to choose from, including comparing style of two works, either by the same author or by two different authors with similar styles. Also, they can critically analyze a single work line by line in poetry.

Students continually practice AP style writing of literary analysis along with AP objective testing practices. The entire term includes reading novels by American authors and continued development of SAT vocabulary.

Since students perform college-level work throughout English III AP, they need to be committed to advanced work requirements and advanced curriculum.

### English IV AP

Students study literature from varied authors, genres, and time periods, especially focusing on short stories, novels and poetry. They will complete a formal research paper using historical criticism to analyze the influences of experience, culture, and history on a poet's work.

Since students perform college-level work throughout English IV AP, they need to be committed to advanced work requirements and advanced curriculum.