

## **AP English Language and Composition**

St. Ambrose Academy students who have taken English I and II and are currently in English III or IV are prepared to take this exam. Students who are interested in taking the English Language and Composition AP exam should talk to the college counselor and visit the College Board website in preparation:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-english-language-and-composition/about-the-exam>

**The following description is taken from the College Board AP website:**

The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and has two sections — multiple choice and free-response. The multiple-choice section is worth 45% and the free-response section is worth 55% of the final Exam Score.

**Section I:** Multiple Choice | 52 to 55 questions | 1 hour | 45% of Exam Score

Excerpts from non-fiction texts are accompanied by several multiple-choice questions.

**Section II:** Free-response | 2 hours and 15 minutes (includes a 15-minute reading period) | 3 Free-Response Questions | 55% of Exam Score.

This section tests your skill in composition in three areas:

- **Synthesis:** After reading several texts about a topic, you will compose an argument that combines and cites at least three of the sources to support your thesis.
- **Rhetorical analysis:** You will read a non-fiction text and analyze how the writer's language choices contribute to the intended meaning and purpose of the text.
- **Argument:** You will create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic.

## **AP English Language and Literature**

St. Ambrose Academy students who have taken English I, II, and III or IV, and are currently in their final year of English at St. Ambrose are prepared to take this exam. Students who are interested in taking the English Literature and Composition AP exam should talk to the college counselor and visit the College Board website in preparation: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-english-literature-and-composition/about-the-exam>

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The exam is 3 hours long and has two sections — multiple-choice and free-response.

**Section I:** Multiple Choice | 1 hour | 55 Questions | 45% of Exam Score

- Includes excerpts from several published works of drama, poetry, or prose fiction.
- Each excerpt is accompanied by several multiple-choice questions or prompts.

**Section II:** Free-response | 2 hours | 3 Free-Response Questions | 55% of Exam Score

- You write essays that respond to three free-response prompts from the following categories:
  - A literary analysis of a given poem.
  - A literary analysis of a given passage of prose fiction (this may include drama).
  - An analysis that examines a specific concept, issue, or element in a work of literary merit that you select.