

May, 2011

Dear Pre AP/Advanced Placement English student:

You have enrolled in preAP sophomore English for the 2010-2011 school year. We'd like to share a few important items about Hanks' Advanced Placement English program with you.

There are many reasons why you will benefit from an AP English course. These include:

- The opportunity to study English in-depth so you will be more prepared for college work.
- Greater potential to gain admission to choice colleges and access to scholarships because successful completion of AP courses is perceived as proof of ability to successfully handle college courses.
- Eligibility for advanced placement or course credits at the majority of colleges and universities in the U.S. if you receive a qualifying grade on an AP exam; more than 1,400 institutions grant a full year's credit to students with satisfactory grades on enough AP exams. It's called "sophomore standing," and it saves you both time and money.
- Potential to enhance your GPA (a crucial indicator in college admissions) since all grades over 75 in pre-advanced placement courses add 5 points to the GPA grade, all grades between 75 and 79 in advanced placement courses add 5 points to the GPA grade, and all grades over 80 in advanced placement courses add 10 points to the GPA grade for each semester.

Our pre-AP and AP teachers spend much time and effort to provide you with an exemplary program of study during the academic year. Our goal is to prepare all AP students to earn 6 college English credits before they graduate from high school and to lay the foundation for successful college level course work after high school. The success of the program depends on a collaborative effort entailing much work, dedication, and internal motivation on the part of both teacher and student. Daily preparation for class work, independent study, writing, and reading are part of every preAP and AP English course we offer at Hanks.

Each sophomore English preAP student is expected to complete summer reading and a related assignment before he/she returns to school in August. By signing the attached contract, you indicate your willingness to complete summer reading before you return to class next fall.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please email us—

Mrs. Baggett: jbaggett@yisd.net

Ms. Baeza: tbaeza@yisd.net

Ms. Esparza: mesparza3@yisd.net

Cordially,

Ms. Baeza, Mrs. Baggett & Ms. Esparza
PreAP sophomore English teachers

PreAP/AP Summer Reading Contract

I have read, understand, and agree to complete the summer reading requirements for preAP sophomore English by the first day of class for the fall, 2010 semester.

Print Student Name

Student ID#

Student Signature

Date Signed

Parent Signature

Date Signed

Please return to your freshman English teacher by Friday, June 4, 2010.