

Pioneer Valley High School

Senior English Course Offerings

College Preparatory Courses: For students planning on attending a community college, 4-year college or university. Courses count toward graduation and are recognized by UC/CSU schools.

British Literature - Course is designed to follow the traditional English textbook series. Students will read classic pieces of British Literature including: *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Canterbury Tales*, *1984*, *Frankenstein*, *Jane Eyre*, etc.

English 4 AP- Focus on the AP English Literature Exam. Class will prepare students to master different elements of literature, literary genres, and modes of writing. Students who successfully complete AP English Language would be good candidates for this rigorous course.

CSU ERWC 12- Course is designed to prepare students for the academic reading and writing required in college. Course focuses on non-fiction texts from magazines and newspapers to examine the elements of persuasion. Students will also read two full-length works: *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* and *Hamlet*. Units for this course include: *Fake News*, *Bored and Brilliant*, *Juvenile Justice*, and *Ready to Launch*.

Classic Fiction and Film – Students will read classic works of fiction including: *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *Emma*, *Our Town*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Othello*, and *The Odyssey*. Students will also compare the film versions of these classic works. Writing will also be a focus of the course.
Not NCAA approved

Mexican American Literature - Students will be exposed to extensive reading of classic and modern Mexican American and Latina/o American literature and nonfiction texts that emphasize their historical and cultural roots in the United States and examine the contested meanings of identity; the relationship between social/political activism and literary expression and movements; the politics of immigration and the border; and the intersectionality of these with gender relations and sexuality within the Mexican American and Latina/o community.

Non-College Prep: For students who do not plan on attending college after graduation. Course counts toward graduation but is **not** recognized by CSU or UC schools.

Practical English - Students will focus on reading, and writing both literature and workplace documents (resumes, business letters, opinion articles, etc.). Readings will include excerpts from British and World Literature.