

2014 Ad Astra
Pre-AP English Summer Institute
July 21-24, 2014
Institute Overview

This summer institute will focus on providing participants with a thorough overview of both the AP Lang and AP Lit exams, helping Pre-AP teachers to formulate Pre-AP strategies to strengthen vertical team growth development and/or growth. In addition, special attention will be paid to close reading using rhetorical analysis to augment many teachers all ready strong understanding of literary analysis. Time will also be spent focusing on using student essay samples released from the College Board as a vehicle for teaching writing. Time permitting, we will also work on developing instructional units to convey the necessary skills introduced in a Pre-AP program.

Consultant Background

Kevin McDonald currently teaches AP English Language and Shakespeare at Edmond Memorial High School in Edmond, OK. He is currently the Department Chair, and his past teaching assignments include all levels of sophomores and juniors, as well as on-level seniors. This marks his seventeenth year of teacher, sixteen of those working with AP Lang and Pre-AP sophomores. He has been an AP Lang Reader since 2002, including serving as a reader, table leader, and as a sample selector. He is an active writer for the College Board and recently wrote the Teacher's Manual for *Writing America* - an AP English Language and Composition textbook.

Institute Preparation

Participants should bring the following:

- a list of major works that you teach, as well as any minor works you like to incorporate
- sticky notes, pens/pencils, highlighters

Institute Schedule

Monday, July 21

- Review the course descriptions for both AP Lang and AP Lit
- Discuss the role of rhetoric in the Pre-AP classroom

Tuesday, July 22

- Sample reading of the AP Lang exam and its implication for the Pre-AP classroom
- Sample reading of the AP Lit exam and its implication for the Pre-AP classroom
- Discuss writing instruction and goals in the Pre-AP classroom

Wednesday, July 23

- Best practice and unit development discussions

Thursday, July 24

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Graduate Credit Options

Participants may also earn three graduate education hours for any of the AP Summer Institutes from Washburn University for a reduced tuition rate for the successful completion of an academic assignment.

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