

AP English Lit - 12th grade

Works studied:

The Odyssey
Song of Solomon
Pride and Prejudice
Frankenstein
The Awakening
Death of a Salesman
Hamlet
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
The Turn of the Screw
Heart of Darkness
Things Fall Apart
The Poisonwood Bible or modern novels lit circles

For each work, students keep a journal, noting author's style, literary devices, characterization, etc., and how the author uses these to contribute meaning. In addition, they have practice with close readings of sections and style imitations. When available, they take practice multiple choice tests based on the material. Alternatively, they can practice writing multiple choice questions using stems.

Although I incorporate some poems as we study these works (such as Yeats' poem "The Second Coming" during our study of *Things Fall Apart*), we also focus on two poetry units, using Perrine's *Sound and Sense*. The fall unit addresses poetry genres and forms, meter, figurative language and allusions and concentrates on mostly pre-Romantic poetry. The spring unit revisits these ideas while acquainting students with more modern works.

Major Assignments:

Personal Essay
Literary Device Glossary
Eight-10 in-class essays
Two-three longer papers comparing use of an element between 3-4 works
Two-five shorter outside essays
Presentations