

KAP ENGLISH SYLLABUS

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Reminder: KAP fees this year are \$130 per course. Checks should be written out to MVHS, and the fee deadline is Friday, September 13. Please speak to your guidance counselor if there are any financial hardships with paying this amount.

Texts: Although we will evaluate our texts for many different purposes, I have arranged these selections according to a common thread that unites a pairing or represents a unit.

I. Social commentary (summer reading)

Tess of the d'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

Paper #1 – *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

II. Personal essay for college applications

Paper #2 – College essay

III. Memoir

Night by Elie Wiesel and related Holocaust study

Paper #3 – Research

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

IV. The hero

Beowulf

Oedipus Rex by Sophocles

V. Poetry

Paper #4 – poetry analysis

VI. Tragedy

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

Paper #5 – film analysis of *Hamlet*

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Paper #6 - *Macbeth*

VII. Love stories

The History of Love by Nicole Krauss

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Paper #7 – your choice of the above titles

VIII. Storytelling

selections from *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

Paper #8 – *Heart of Darkness*

IX. Consequences

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Paper #9 – *The Kite Runner*

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Paper #10 - *Beloved*

X. Writing topics*

Vocabulary

Mechanics

Usage

Grammar

Style

* These will be interspersed throughout the entire year

** Additional note: This syllabus may be changed at any time in response to scheduling issues, book availability, etc. I will notify you of any revisions as soon as possible. **