

# KAP ENGLISH SYLLABUS

## 2014-2015

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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 12. 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

*Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy  
Paper #1 – *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*

### II. Personal essay for college applications

Paper #2 – College essay

### III. Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement selection

*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

\* Patchett will deliver the Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Lecture on October 25 as part of the Kenyon Review Literary Festival held at the college

### IV. Memoir

*Night* by Elie Wiesel and related Holocaust study  
Paper #3 – Research  
*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

### V. Tragedy

*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare  
Paper #4 – film analysis of *Hamlet*  
*Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
Paper #5 - *Macbeth*

### VI. The hero

*Beowulf*  
*Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles

## VII. Storytelling

selections from *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer

Paper #6 – choice of *Beowulf*, *Oedipus Rex*, or *Canterbury Tales*

*Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

Paper #7 – *Heart of Darkness*

## VIII. Consequences

*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Paper #8 – *The Kite Runner*

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Paper #9 - *Beloved*

## IX. Poetry

Paper #10 – poetry analysis

## 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. \*\*