

KAP ENGLISH SYLLABUS

Mount Vernon High School

2004-2005

2004

August/September

Discussion and assessment of *Oedipus Rex*

Writing College Essays

Paper #1 – *Oedipus Rex*

Paper #2 – College Essay

Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Periods

Beowulf

October

October 7 – Field trip to Kenyon College for *Beowulf* lecture

Canterbury Tales, Chaucer

The Renaissance

Hamlet, Shakespeare

November

November 9 – Field trip to Kenyon for lecture on film versions of *Hamlet*

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, Stoppard

Paper #3 – *Hamlet* and *R & G Are Dead*

December

Poetry – Study of form and meter using Fussell, Perrine, Vendler, etc.

Paper #4 – Shakespeare's Sonnets – Oral Presentation of Paper

Macbeth, Shakespeare

Paper #5 -- *Macbeth*

The Age of Reason

Poets – Gray, Pope

“A Modest Proposal,” Swift

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen to be read over winter break

2005

January

The Romantics

Discussion and testing over *Pride and Prejudice*

Poets – Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelley, Keats

Paper #6 – Poetry Explication
The Victorians
Poets – Tennyson, Browning, Browning
New Directions/Bridging the Centuries
Poets – Housman, Hardy, Yeats
Midterm Exam

February

Twentieth Century
Poets – Auden, Lawrence, Thomas
Invisible Man, Ellison
Paper # 7 – *Invisible Man*

March

Paper #8 – Commencement Address – Oral Presentation
Night, Wiesel Research Holocaust
Dubliners, Joyce – to be read over Spring Break with individual stories
assigned for papers.

April

Paper #9 – *Dubliners*
April 7 – Field Trip to Kenyon for lecture on *Dubliners*
Heart of Darkness, Conrad
Paper # 10 – *Heart of Darkness*
April 21 – Field trip to Kenyon College for *Heart of Darkness* lecture

May

Paper #11 – Resume for Career Passport
Pairing of *Nectar in a Sieve* and *Woman Warrior*
Paper #12 – Literary Analysis of Novel(s)
Short Stories by Atwood, Woolf, Orwell, Greene, Kafka and poetry by
Dove, Heaney, Walcott, etc., as time permits
Final Exam

Please note that this syllabus does not include grammar review, vocabulary study, or preparation for the AP test, all of which are important parts of the course.

