

AP Literature A Pacing Guide

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Unit 1 – Getting Started (Weeks 1-2)

LESSON 1: Course Introduction
LESSON 2: The Reading and Writing Processes
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 2 – Fiction and Poetry: Literature of Examination (Weeks 3-5)

LESSON 1: Stories of Personal Exploration
LESSON 2: Poems of Faith and Doubt
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 3 – Drama: Lives in Crisis (Weeks 6-8)

LESSON 1: Hedda Gabler
LESSON 2: A Streetcar Named Desire
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 4 – Poetry: Love and Separation (Weeks 9-11)

LESSON 1: Love Desired
LESSON 2: Love Questioned
LESSON 3: Love Denied
LESSON 4: Wrap-Up

Unit 5 – Long Fiction: Their Eyes Were Watching God (Weeks 12-14)

LESSON 1: Their Eyes Were Watching God, Chapters 1-10
LESSON 2: Their Eyes Were Watching God, Chapters 11-20
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 6 – Drama: Shakespearean Comedy (Weeks 15-17)

LESSON 1: Twelfth Night, Part One
LESSON 2: Twelfth Night, Part Two
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 7 – Review and Exam (Week 18)

LESSON 1: Review and Exam

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Unit 8 – Victorian Era Literature (Weeks 1-2)

LESSON 1: Jane Eyre, Chapters 1-16
LESSON 2: Jane Eyre, Chapters 17-27
LESSON 3: Jane Eyre, Chapters 28-38
LESSON 4: Wrap-Up

Unit 9 – 19th Century: British and American Authors (Weeks 3-5)

LESSON 1: British Authors
LESSON 2: American Authors
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 10 – Turn-of-the-Century Literature (Weeks 6-8)

LESSON 1: Fiction and Analysis, Part 1
LESSON 2: Fiction and Analysis, Part 2
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 11 – Modern Literature (Weeks 9-11)

LESSON 1: Modern Poetry, Part 1
LESSON 2: Modern Poetry, Part 2
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 12 – The American Dream (Weeks 12-14)

LESSON 1: The Great Gatsby, Chapters 1-5
LESSON 2: The Great Gatsby, Chapters 6-9
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 13 – Contemporary Literature (Weeks 15-17)

LESSON 1: American Voices
LESSON 2: International Voices
LESSON 3: Wrap-Up

Unit 14 – (Week 18)

LESSON 1: Review and Exam