

**Course Title: Advanced Placement English Language/Composition\* 1001420(Y)**

*Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation-JUNIORS ONLY.*

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the semantic, structural, and rhetorical resources of English language, as they relate to the principles of effective writing. The course is also designed to provide students with a variety of writing opportunities calling for the use of different styles and tones used in essay writing as well as in literary prose. A review of the writing skills required for the Clay County Writing Assessment will be included. The course also includes a study of American literature. All students are expected to complete required summer reading assignments prior to entering this grade level. Summer Reading Assignment: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald . Read the text and complete the following assignment. For each of the nine chapters, identify the sentence that is the best written. Then write a short paragraph explaining why the sentence is so excellent. AND *Woe is I* by Patricia O'Conner. Read the text and complete the following assignment. For each of the ten chapters, identify the piece of grammar/style advice that is the most helpful for improving your writing. Then write an excellent (20+) word sentence that demonstrates the quality of your writing AND the application of your selected grammar/style advice.