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AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE · FREE RESOURCE

Free Resource Directory

A categorized list of verified free resources for AP English Language and Composition: official College Board materials, teacher sites, YouTube channels, practice hubs, and sources for texts. Each link has a one-line description of what you will find and how to use it. Some sites have free tiers with gated extras; the notes say so.

How to use this directory

Start with the official materials, because they are what the exam is built from. Add one or two teacher sites for explanations and templates. Use practice hubs for extra multiple choice, and text sources to build a reading habit. You do not need all of it. A good week might use one official PDF, one video, and one text.

Links were checked during research in October 2026. Websites change; if a link fails, search the site name. Where a source is described as “not fetched directly” or may require an account, it is flagged.

1. Official College Board resources

RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS
AP Central course page	Hub for the course, exam, and teacher materials
AP Central exam page	Exam format and overview
AP Students assessment page	Student-facing format, exam-day info, policies
Course and Exam Description (CED)	The full framework: units, 22 skills, rubrics, sample multiple-choice items (8 reading, 9 writing) and sample FRQs
Course overview (2 pages)	Quick summary of format with two sample items
Scoring rubrics with decision rules	The official generic rubrics for Questions 1, 2, and 3
Past exam questions index	The three most recent years of FRQs, scoring guidelines, sample responses with commentary, Chief Reader Reports
Score distributions	Yearly percentages of students earning 1 through 5
Bluebook practice	Practice the digital testing app before exam day
Bluebook home	The Bluebook app and student information

RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS
College Board blog, free AP resources	Overview of AP Daily and AP Classroom
My AP login	Join classes, register for exams, access AP Classroom

Recent FRQs and scoring

YEAR	DOCUMENT
2026	FRQ
2026	Scoring guidelines
2025	FRQ, Set 1
2025	FRQ, Set 2
2025	Scoring guidelines, Set 1
2025	Scoring guidelines, Set 2
2025	Sample responses, Q1, Set 1
2025	Sample responses, Q2, Set 1
2025	Sample responses, Q3, Set 1
2025	Chief Reader Report, Set 1
2025	Chief Reader Report, Set 2
2025	Score distributions
2024	FRQ, Set 1
2024	Chief Reader Report, Set 1
2023	FRQ, Set 1
2023	Chief Reader Report, Set 1

Tip. The Chief Reader Reports are the most useful free documents for improving your writing. They describe the exact errors readers saw and what the best responses did. Read the one for the essay you find hardest.

2. AP Classroom and AP Daily: how to use them

AP Classroom is College Board's free online platform for AP students. It requires a **class join code from your teacher**. If your school does not use AP Classroom, ask your teacher or AP coordinator.

What AP Classroom contains

- **Progress Checks.** For each of the nine units, a set of multiple-choice questions and one free-response question (rhetorical analysis, argument, or synthesis, in rotation). Your teacher assigns them and sees results.

- **Question Bank.** A large set of multiple-choice and FRQ items, including retired FRQs from earlier years that are no longer public on AP Central (examples: "Light Pollution," "Factors for Establishing a Wind Farm," "Value of Exploring the Unknown," "Grit," "Pursuit of Happiness"). Teachers can filter by FRQ type and skill.
- **AP Daily videos.** Short lessons by AP teachers, organized by unit and skill, plus yearly Review Sessions and Practice Sessions that walk through each FRQ. The video index redirects, and the videos themselves are viewed inside AP Classroom. Many also appear on the Advanced Placement YouTube channel.
- **Secure practice exams.** Full-length exams that teachers can administer; not available to students directly.

A simple way to use AP Daily

1. After you finish a unit's skills guide in folder 03, find the AP Daily video for that skill.
2. Watch with a pen. Pause when the teacher models an annotation or a thesis and try it before they finish.
3. Then do the matching skill builder from folder 10.
4. For essay review, watch the FRQ Practice Session for a prompt you have already written, and compare your approach with the teacher's.

3. Teacher-run sites

SITE	WHAT YOU WILL FIND
mseffie's LifeSavers AP page	Prompts for AP Lang and Lit, sample index, links to 30+ teacher sites
mseffie, all AP Lang prompts (PDF)	Compilation of past AP Lang prompts
mseffie, synthesis prompts	Past synthesis prompts
mseffie, downloads	Handouts: essay plan pages, thesis practice, peer critique sheet, revision symbols
mseffie, OPTIC handout	One-page visual-analysis guide
Coach Hall Writes	AP Lang blog, free Q3 Database document, synthesis activities
Coach Hall Writes blog	Posts including "Digital AP Lang Exam Tips" and "What is a counter argument"
Garden of English	Teacher Timm Freitas; nearly everything free
Garden of English files	Rhetorical Analysis Quick Guide, commentary guide, introductions and conclusions guide, "Create-Your-Own AP Lang Exam" template, syllabi, summer reading (some files ask for an email)
Garden of English RA handout	Writing the rhetorical analysis essay
Much Ado About Teaching	Articles on sophistication and writing
Much Ado About Sophistication	The clearest free explanation of the sophistication point
Freitas "AP Lang Top 5" webinar	Line of reasoning, sophistication, evidence, commentary

SITE	WHAT YOU WILL FIND
Freitas on sophistication	Writing for sophistication
Dawn Hogue's AP site	Teacher's AP page with vocabulary list and rubrics (some pages are AP Lit)
Jerry W. Brown prompts	Compilation of 1981–2011 prompts
Team Townsel, FRQ 2 prompts	Rhetorical analysis prompts 2005–2019
Ms. Clark, ten years of RA prompts	Rhetorical analysis prompt list

4. District and teacher handouts (frameworks, terms, templates)

HANDOUT	WHAT IT COVERS
Jackson Township full RA guide	SOAPSTone, DIDLS, rhetorical precis, Says/Does/Connection, verb bank, annotated sample essays
K20 Center, SOAPStone	Strategy card
K20 Center, SPACECAT	Strategy card
SPACECAT worksheet	Guiding questions and worksheet
DIDLS explained	Tone-analysis strategy
OPTIC overview	Visual analysis for cartoons, photos, and graphs
Olathe AP Lang summer packet	14-term device guide, dialectical journals, topic-sentence and commentary formulas
Beechwood summer assignment	Model assignment with a SPACECAT chart
Clayton 80-term rhetorical glossary	80 terms in five tests
Tone and diction word list	About 75 tone words with definitions and 32 diction words
CMU analysis verbs	Verbs grouped by claim, agree, disagree, recommend
They Say / I Say templates	Templates and transition bank
TLQ quote integration	Transition, lead-in, quote
Jane Schaffer, embedding quotations	Avoiding the “kerplunk” effect
SJSU Toulmin model	Argument model with practice
Say-Mean-Matter activity	Three-column close-reading activity
Wheaton HS AP Lang syllabus	Thematic syllabus with SOAPSTone and OPTIC
Rapid City AP Lang syllabus	Syllabus with timed-writing plan
Norton MCQ strategies	Multiple-choice strategies and classroom games

5. YouTube channels

CHANNEL	WHAT YOU WILL FIND
Advanced Placement (College Board)	AP Daily Live Review playlists
Coach Hall Writes	Rhetorical analysis, synthesis, argument, thesis, and commentary videos; exam game plan
Garden of English	Topic sentences, rhetorical analysis conclusions, unit reviews
Marco Learning	Review videos for AP English
Ms. Peer Editor	Essay tutorials and text breakdowns by a 5/5 scorer
Tolentino Teaching	Short videos on rhetorical terms and vocabulary

6. Practice hubs and study guides

RESOURCE	WHAT IT OFFERS
Fiveable AP Lang	Unit study guides, key terms, cheat sheets, FRQ practice (free tier; some practice gated)
Fiveable key terms	Glossary
Fiveable device list	18 high-frequency devices with examples
Fiveable exam overview	Exam summary
Fiveable, evidence and commentary	Study guide
Marco Learning study guides	Free AP Lang guides (account may be required)
Marco Learning study guide pack (PDF)	Timing plans, wrong-answer types, OPTIC, rubric rows
Marco Learning 6-week plan (PDF)	Spring review calendar
Marco Learning practice tests	Free full-length tests (free account)
Marco Learning FRQ guide	Essay guidance
PrepScholar exam guide	Full exam overview
PrepScholar terms	55 AP Lang terms
PrepScholar MCQ guide	Multiple-choice strategies
PrepScholar synthesis guide	Synthesis essay guide
PrepScholar practice exams	Ranked list of free practice tests
Cognito MCQ strategy	Six question types and elimination rules
Cognito exam format	Format and study timeline

RESOURCE	WHAT IT OFFERS
Cognito score chart	Approximate score conversion
Cognito practice tests	Practice test sources
Albert MCQ guide	Multiple-choice guide (practice questions are paid)
High School Test Prep	Four free AP Lang multiple-choice sets (dated style)
CrackAP	Free quizzes (older format; load in a browser)
Varsity Tutors	Skill quizzes (not fully AP-faithful)
Class Companion	Assignment library
Khan Academy grammar	Grammar course for the Style strand (no dedicated AP Lang course exists)
Khan Academy	General site; Digital SAT Reading and Writing practice transfers to the writing questions

A caution on older practice tests. Anything built before 2019 uses five answer choices and may include footnote questions. Use those for reading practice and ignore the format differences.

7. Writing and argument help

RESOURCE	WHAT IT OFFERS
Purdue OWL, Toulmin argument	The Toulmin model
Robert Harris, rhetorical devices	Handbook of 60 devices (loads in a browser)
LitCharts devices	136 devices with examples
Literary Devices	Alphabetical device encyclopedia
Class sites with Q3 databases	See Coach Hall Writes above for the free evidence-bank approach
Perfection Learning Freitas series	Line of reasoning and sophistication

8. Sources for texts and speeches

Reading widely is the best long-term preparation. Pair a speech or essay with a quick SPACECAT chart (see folder 07).

SOURCE	WHAT YOU WILL FIND
American Rhetoric Speech Bank	5,000+ speeches with text and audio
American Rhetoric Top 100	Top 100 American speeches

SOURCE	WHAT YOU WILL FIND
Project Gutenberg	79,000+ public-domain books (Thoreau, Emerson, Douglass, Swift, Wollstonecraft, and more)
Standard Ebooks	Carefully formatted public-domain ebooks
LibriVox	Free public-domain audiobooks
Library of Congress classroom materials	Primary-source sets (speeches, letters, photographs) good for synthesis practice
CommonLit	Free leveled text library with questions
Owl Eyes	Annotated public-domain texts (free reading)
SparkNotes	Free study guides
Wikipedia, AP Lang page	History and score table

Suggested weekly reading routine

- One speech from American Rhetoric (10 minutes): write the speaker, occasion, audience, purpose, and one rhetorical choice with its effect.
- One op-ed or editorial (10 minutes): write the claim and the two strongest pieces of evidence.
- One public-domain essay a month (Thoreau, Emerson, Douglass, Swift, Wollstonecraft): practice chunking dense prose paragraph by paragraph.

9. Which resource for which problem

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH	START HERE
Understanding the exam	AP Students assessment page; folder 02
Thesis statements	Rubric PDF; Garden of English thesis videos; Coach Hall Writes
Commentary instead of summary	Chief Reader Report; Jackson Township RA guide (Says/Does/Connection)
Synthesis	Marco Learning guide pack; Chief Reader Reports on Q1; PrepScholar synthesis guide
Rhetorical analysis	Garden of English RA handout; Ms. Peer Editor; Coach Hall Writes
Argument evidence	Coach Hall Writes Q3 Database; Library of Congress; American Rhetoric
Multiple choice	Cognito MCQ strategy; Norton blog; Marco Learning practice tests
Vocabulary and terms	Clayton 80-term list; Fiveable key terms; tone word list

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH	START HERE
Dense older prose	Gutenberg or Standard Ebooks plus LibriVox audio
Digital-exam nerves	Bluebook practice; Coach Hall Writes "Digital AP Lang Exam Tips"
Pacing	Marco Learning 6-week plan; folder 04 pacing guide

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