Understanding English 10: AP Seminar

Build foundational writing, collaboration, research, and presentation skills for success in high school, college, and career.

Set Your Students Up for Success

An AP course with no prerequisites, AP Seminar helps a wide range of students develop critical thinking, analytic writing, collaboration, and academic research skills in topics of the teacher’s and student’s choice. AP Seminar is offered in more than 2,000 schools, with rapid adoption in grade 10.

More than half of current AP Seminar teachers are part of their school’s English Language Arts Department, although this course can be offered through any academic department.

“AP Seminar allows me, as an educator, to address skills that are lacking, build upon preexisting skills, and develop and adapt lessons that pique students’ interests. AP Seminar allows teachers and students alike to expand vocabulary, build knowledge of real-world issues and perspectives, and develop empathy. It allows me flexibility as a teacher to best meet the needs of my students. This flexibility, and the discussion it elicits, has strengthened my love of teaching.”

ASHLEY NISBETTM AP SEMINAR TEACHER, PORT HURON NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

Take Your English 10 Course to the Next Level

English 10: AP Seminar is an English course taught in the AP Seminar style. By providing teachers with a unique instructional framework, AP Seminar helps students build a powerful foundation for critical and transferable research skills: investigation, collaboration, writing, and presentation.

Schools across the country are already using AP Seminar as their English 10 offering. AP Seminar:

- Emphasizes evidence-based reading, writing, and speaking.
- Exposes students to writing tasks that prepare students for assignments in high school and college classes.

The seminar-style framework gives English teachers flexibility to design units and select texts from their existing curricula while continuing to meet state standards.

SEE THE POWERFUL RESULTS

When compared with their peers, 10th-grade AP Seminar students on average:

- Have higher exam scores than students who take the AP Seminar Exam in grade 11.
- Earn higher scores on AP English, history, and government exams taken in grades 11 and 12.

And regardless of when they take the course, AP Seminar students are more likely to:

- Achieve higher first-year college GPAs. Persist in college.

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