

Dear APTTI Participants in the English Literature and Composition Institute, Summer 2019:

Welcome to the 2019 English Lit and Comp APSI: a major theme in this summer's institute is expressed well in the title of Bob Dylan's 1963 song, "The Times They Are A-Changin'." As you have probably heard, much will be new in the 2020 AP Literature Exam, so some aspects of our instruction in our AP Lit courses will necessarily change, as well. We will examine and discuss what will remain essentially the same in the 2019-20 course and 2020 exam, as well as what we will all need to modify in the course we will teach beginning in August 2019

I've been an AP Consultant for AP Literature and Comp since 2005, and I taught the AP Lit course for over twenty years in a suburban Kansas City area district, where I now work as the Coordinator/Instructional Coach for English 9-12. I've also been a grader for the AP Lit exam since 2003, so I've watched the test and its scoring change over that time.

I believe the AP program is a model for the teaching of composition, reading, and literature at every level of the secondary curriculum, so we will focus on instructional strategies that apply to all levels of 9-12 reading, literature, and writing instruction.

Our focus in the institute will be on what and how to most effectively teach AP Literature and Composition. During the week of the institute, we will discuss

- how to create a viable curriculum (syllabus) for an AP Literature course;
- how to help students develop their interpretation and analysis skills;
- how to help students write effective timed literary analysis essays;
- strategies for helping students prepare for the 2020 AP Literature and Composition Exam; and
- ways to help students enjoy the reading they do for the AP course and appreciate diverse writers and types of literature.

Please bring to the institute any literary texts or anthologies you anticipate using in your AP Lit course. At the APSI, I will provide you with the texts listed in the week's syllabus.

I'm looking forward to our work together this summer. Please contact me at [mcarter1@bssd.net](mailto:mcarter1@bssd.net) with any questions or concerns you have.

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