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Dear Colleagues,

The AP English Literature and Composition Institute for Experienced Teachers at Wake Forest is a wonderful opportunity to share with teachers who have taught the course from a few years to many years. We will share ideas and strategies as well as problem-solve about some of the challenges of the course.

As you make plans for the institute, think about what you need to help you in teaching the course. Please bring a copy of your course outline with you. You will have an opportunity to share this outline with the group. Also bring one copy of a favorite unit to share. We will practice strategies of reading, writing, and literary analysis, examine student responses on the examination essay prompts, and share successes in the classroom.

During the week, you will plan a 1-3 day micro unit. This unit should be new, something you have not taught. Do not come with a prepared unit. Because we try to have new materials and texts that you can use for this activity, you don't have to bring textbooks with you. You may want the convenience of your own laptop, but computer labs are available if you don't want to bring a computer.

I look forward to working with you. If you have questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely,

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Syllabus for AP English Literature and Composition Institute 2009
Experienced
Wake Forest University

Day One: Background and Trends in the AP Program
 Approaches in Setting Up AP Courses
 The Examination
 Reading Strategies
 Micro Units*

Day Two: Writing Strategies
 Poetry
 Close Poetry Questions

Day Three: Multiple Choice Analyses
 Prose
 Close Prose Questions

Day Four: Major Works
 Free Response/Open-Ended Questions
 Research Activities

Day Five: Micro Units
 2009 Examination

*The micro units are completed during the week of the institute.

Experienced teachers: Please bring a copy of your favorite unit, the one that you must teach in your AP course. You can also help by providing a copy of a new unit, one that you added recently. Of course, we will want to know why you added it and how successful it has been.

This outline is a working outline. We will modify and adjust to fit **our** needs.