
Pre-AP English Language Arts: From Sentence to Synthesis

Overview: The Pre-AP English classroom trains students to craft complex sentences. By doing this, students build a foundation for complex thinking and for communicating ideas clearly. Students improve their reading comprehension through writing instruction and practice at the same time they learn to create clear sentences that incorporate textual evidence. By first concentrating on sentences and paragraphs, participants in this workshop learn how to help students acquire strong skills they can later use with essays and other types of writing.

Outcomes:

- Explore Pre-AP English 1 model lessons focusing on foundational writing at the sentence and paragraph levels while incorporating textual evidence.
- Collaborate and design classroom activities featuring Pre-AP shared principles, English areas of focus, and foundational writing strategies.

Agenda at a Glance (In-Person)

Segment 1: Welcome and Introduction to Pre-AP <i>45 minutes</i>
Segment 2: Exploring the Pre-AP Shared Principles and English Areas of Focus <i>55 minutes</i>
Segment 3: Model Lesson: From Sentence <i>50 minutes</i>
Segment 4: Model Lesson: To Synthesis <i>60 minutes</i>
Segment 5: Collaboration and Planning <i>45 minutes</i>
Segment 6: Group Share <i>30 minutes</i>
Segment 7: Reflection and Closing <i>15 minutes</i>

Agenda at a Glance: One-Day Model (Virtual)

Below is a sample agenda of a Pre-AP Readiness Workshop scheduled for one day. One-day workshops are 6 hours total (5 hours of instructional time, 1 hour of break time). There is a maximum of 28 participants per workshop.

Day One Schedule – 6 hours	
Segment 1	Welcome and Introduction to Pre-AP
Segment 2	Exploring the Pre-AP Shared Principles and Areas of Focus
Segment 3	Model Lesson and Classroom Application
	Lunch
Segment 4	Model Lesson and Classroom Application
Segment 5	Collaborative Planning
Segment 6	Group Share
Segment 7	Reflection and Next Steps

Agenda at a Glance: Two-Class Model (Virtual)

Below is a sample agenda of a Pre-AP Readiness Workshop scheduled across two classes. Participants meet twice within two weeks for 2 hours 30 min each class. There is a maximum of 28 participants per workshop.

Class One Schedule – 2.5 hours		Class Two Schedule – 2.5 hours	
Segment 1	Welcome and Introduction to Pre-AP	Segment 4	Welcome Back
		Segment 5	Model Lesson and Classroom Application
Segment 2	Exploring the Pre-AP Shared Principles and Areas of Focus	Segment 6	Collaborative Planning
Segment 3	Model Lesson and Classroom Application	Segment 7	Group Share
		Segment 8	Reflection and Next Steps