

English AP Assignments

AP Language:

- Please read Barbara Kingsolver's *The Bean Trees*. Once school starts, we'll read a variety of literary criticism on Kingsolver and her narrative, culminating in an essay that mirrors the AP Lang synthesis prompt.
- Please purchase the following AP Language exam review prep books. Please pay attention to the title and buy the AP Language and Composition book (not the Literature). This book is not scheduled to be released until August 2nd, but it's important to purchase this edition due to announced changes in next year's AP Language exam. Complete the practice exam that the book does not walk you through (they go through one exam with you) and turn in your multiple choice and essay responses on the first day of school.
 - *5 Steps to a 5: AP Language and Composition*, 2020 edition, ISBN-10: 1260455939
- If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Ruddy:
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AP Literature:

Part I- Literary Analysis

- Read *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy.
- After finishing the novel, write an organized response to one of the open-ended essay prompts listed below. Responses should be typed and shared with Mrs. Brown (cbrown@pinewoodprep.com) **by the first day of school**.
- You will receive a minor grade for the essay at the start of school. After some class discussion, you will be allowed to make revisions before submitting the essay for a major grade.

Prompt Option #1 (2004): Critic Roland Barthes has said, "Literature is the question minus the answer." Considering Barthes' observation, write an essay in which you analyze a central question the work raises and the extent to which it offers an answer. Explain how the author's treatment of this question affects your understanding of the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.

Prompt Option #2 (2011): In a novel by William Styron, a father tells his son that life "is a search for justice." Choose a character from the novel who responds in some significant way to justice or injustice. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze the character's understanding of justice, the degree to which the character's search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search to the work as a whole.

Part II- Please purchase the following AP Literature exam review prep book. You can skim through it, but you do not have to do anything with it. We will use the book throughout the year. Make sure you order the Literature book (not Language). The 2020 edition of the AP Literature prep book will not be released until Aug. 2, 2019, but go ahead and pre-order it so you will hopefully get it in before the start of school.

- *5 Steps to a 5: AP English Literature*, 2020 edition, ISBN 10: 1260455661