

AP English Language and Composition Application

Completion of this application does not guarantee entrance to the course. It consists of a questionnaire, a short writing sample, and a teacher recommendation form. All portions of this application should be submitted to Mr. Billings by March 20th, 2020.

Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Current English Teacher: _____

Current Grade in English: _____

Do you have more than 9 absences in any quarter of this school year? Yes No

If yes, for what reason, if any, were you absent? Respond below:

Do you have regular computer and internet access? Yes No

Would you consider yourself a strong writer? Whether yes or no, explain why:

Would you be willing and capable of 1-2 hours of homework every night for this course alone? Yes No

Are you planning on taking other AP Courses while taking AP Language and Composition? Provide your answer below. If yes, list the other AP courses you plan to take:

What extracurriculars and/or sports do you plan to be involved with? Please list them below:

AP English Language and Composition Writing Sample

Respond to the essay prompt below in three well written paragraphs. You may compose your paragraphs on a separate document and staple it to the prompt if you need more space.

Award winning author Cormac McCarthy once claimed the following:

There's no such thing as life without bloodshed. I think the notion that the species can be improved in some way, that everyone could live in harmony, is a really dangerous idea. Those who are afflicted with this notion are the first ones to give up their souls, their freedom. Your desire that it be that way will enslave you and make your life vacuous.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your answer with well reasoned arguments and examples. Reference the McCarthy quote as necessary.

AP English Language and Composition Recommendation

This should be provided to a teacher who is familiar with your work and capable of assessing your performance as a student. Please provide that teacher plenty of time to complete and return this form to Mr. Billings before March 20th, 2020. That teacher can deliver this form to me personally or via my school mailbox.

Student's Name: _____

Please consider the following when providing a recommendation:

- Ability to participate in higher-level thinking
- Ability to express oneself in writing or verbally
- Demonstration of self-motivated study and learning
- Ability to process and apply feedback
- Regular Attendance (few absences)

Please check next to the degree of recommendation for this student:

Highly Recommend: _____

Recommend: _____

Not Recommended: _____

Please explain why you have provided the recommendation above, and provide any comments you may have regarding the student or their performance:

English Teacher's Signature: _____

