

Five Major Philosophies to Remember:

1. Think about complexity. What's the big picture or Universal Idea? How does _____ impact the text's meaning as a whole? Articulate the shift in your thesis!
2. Don't just assert something is true. Explain how or why it is true.
3. Always look for the best answer. Pay attention to trigger words.
4. Never assume the reader of an essay will "get it." Give evidence and always explain reasoning.
5. Read essay prompts carefully. Failure to address entire prompt is a major reason for downscored essays. Pay attention to "suggestions" and plural words.

I recommend at least looking over one "arrow" below every day from here until May 9.

- General Exam Information and Strategies
Twitter Account (@aplitcomp)
Handout: AP Lit and Comp Exam Overview (Some Basics)
- Read pages 1-26 of *MyMax* book (review of strategies, checklist night before test p.2-3)
- Literary Terms (see packet, *MyMax*, Twitter account, StudyBoost batches on Moodle)
- List of Universal Idea words and rest of **Thesis Packet 12th**.
- Multiple Choice strategies: PowerPoints, *MyMax* book p.27-52, other notes
- Essay Types and strategies (see *MyMax* p.53-84; AEIOU method)
Excerpt (one text is given)
Compare and Contrast two texts with Point-By Point or Block organization (*handout: Compare and Contrast: AP Essay Strategies*)
Open Response (choose major text that thematically fits question best)
- Poetry Strategies
Rhetorical Strategies (shift lassos)
DIPS
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Rhetorical Triangles (SPEAKER,purpose,AUDIENCE,medium,MESSAGE,tone)
Determining Sonnet Type (Rhyme Schemes, Couplet, Quatrains vs. Octave/Sestet)
- Ways of discussing Style, Tone, and Satire
Handout: Tone-Style-Syntax
Handout: Defining Satire (from *Catch-22*)
Handout: Essential Questions about Style (from *Catch-22*)
- Review content, themes and important quotes of major texts we've read this year:
Catch-22 *The Things They Carried*
Pride and Prejudice *The Poisonwood Bible*
Macbeth Your Independent Book Project!
Look at Novel Response Sheets, journal entries, study guides, and other notes.
- Literary Theories (see notes, Moodle for overviews)

FOR A COMPLETION GRADE OF 50 POINTS: Go online to <http://www.mymaxscore.com/aptests>. Find the AP Literature and Composition practice test and take it. (Save paper and don't print it out unless you must.) Write the MC answers and essays on your own paper. To maximize practicing the test conditions, do it under timed conditions: one hour for Multiple Choice, two hours for the three essay prompts. Using the answer keys and writing examples provided at end of PDF, self-grade your MC and compare your essay answers to the models. Hand in your "graded" practice test (incorrect MC answers marked and three written essays) **by the beginning of class Wednesday, May 9.**