

English 11/AP English Language and Composition

Your task during this period is to prepare for an in-class writing tomorrow, one where you may use your materials and basic notes. (You may bring in a pre-fabricated thesis statement; all other notes must be fragments.)

Each of the topics below asks you to write an essay with a clear thesis, two to four paragraphs of support, and (possibly) a short conclusion. To be able to do that well, you will need to prepare.

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AP English Language and Composition:

Consider the American Romantic pieces we have examined,

- excerpt from Emerson's "Nature"
- excerpt from Emerson's "Self-Reliance"
- William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis"
- Dickinson's Fascicle 13
- Whitman's "Song of Myself"
- excerpts of Thoreau's *Walden*
- Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*

You have handouts of all materials, and they are available on the website.

Choose three of the texts and use them to write a well developed essay in which you support, refute, or qualify the claim that the "happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship" (Emerson).

For this essay, try to blend sources rather than proceed source by source.

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English III (Grade level):

Write an essay discussing the purpose of *Walden*, as you have it in the excerpt. Cite techniques Thoreau uses to accomplish the purpose. Discuss sensory details, facts, statistics, examples, and opinions. Consider stases and appeals, but please don't write an ethos-pathos-logos essay.

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