



**9th Grade Honors/AP Prep Summer Work for the 2019-2020 School Year**

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Do the work *carefully* (do not wait until the last minute, or write without thought and perception). Any sign of plagiarism (either from the internet *or* fellow students) and you may be suspended, given an “F” for the semester, or removed from the AP Program.

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## 1. Vocabulary (SAT/AP)

(first 350 words on flash cards and memorized.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY MEMORIZED 280 OF THESE WORDS IN YOUR AP PREP WORK SINCE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!

## 2. Careful reading of the following:

*Nothing But the Truth*

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*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*

## 3. Two-page Analysis of *Nothing But the Truth*

TIPS ON FINDING YOUR BOOKS:

1. **Go to the LIBRARY.** We have contacted the library and it will order extra copies of the books we have assigned.
2. **Go to the information desk at your local bookstore and make certain you find the cheapest copy of a book.** Many publishing houses have versions of the classics; one may cost \$7 and another \$4.
3. **Buy secondhand.** There are secondhand stores and you can also buy an inexpensive used copy online.

## 9th-12th grade Honors and AP VOCABULARY

1. ABORIGINE	(n)	an original inhabitant
2. ABSTRACT	(adj)	theoretical; not concrete; non-representational
3. ACCENTUATE	(v)	to give prominence to; to emphasize or intensify
4. ACQUIESCE	(v)	assent; agree passively; give in to; agree
5. ACUITY	(n)	sharpness of perception or mind
6. ADJOURN	(v)	to break up; to recess
7. ADMONISH	(v)	warn; reprove
8. ADULATION	(n)	adoration; excessive praise
9. ADVERSARY	(n)	opponent; enemy
10. ADVOCATE	(v)	urge or plead for
11. AESTHETIC	(adj)	concerning art or beauty
12. AFFABLE	(adj)	friendly; agreeable
13. AFFIRMATION	(n)	positive statement; confirmation
14. ALLITERATION	(n)	repetition of same sounds (often consonants)
15. ALTERCATION	(n)	a noisy dispute
16. ALTRUISTIC	(adj)	Unselfishly generous; concerned for others
17. AMALGAM	(n)	a mixture of different elements
18. AMBIGUOUS	(adj)	unclear; doubtful; undecided
19. AMBIVALENCE	(n)	state of contradictory or opposing emotions
20. AMBROSIAL	(adj)	delicious, fragrant, divine
21. AMBULATORY	(adj)	walking or moving; alterable
22. AMELIORATE	(v)	to improve; make better
23. AMPHIBIOUS	(adj)	able to function both on land & on water
24. ANALOGY	(n)	some similarities between things that are unlike
25. ANARCHY	(n)	lack of government; chaos
26. ANDROGYNOUS	(adj)	unisex; having both male & female traits
27. ANECDOTE	(n)	a brief, humorous story

28. ANGUISHED	(adj)	grief-stricken; tormented
29. ANIMOSITY	(n)	active hatred
30. ANTIQUE	(adj)	very old; old-fashioned; aged
31. ANTITHESIS	(n)	contrast; direct opposite
32. APATHY	(n)	lack of caring, emotion, or interest
33. APEX	(n)	highest point; summit
34. APPARITION	(n)	an unusual or unexpected sight
35. APPENDAGE	(n)	something attached to a larger item
36. APPREHENSIVE	(adj)	fearful; worried
37. ARBITRARY	(adj)	unreasonable or capricious
38. ARCANES	(adj)	secret mysterious
39. ARCHETYPE	(n)	the original pattern or model
40. ARTICULATE	(adj)	effective; distinct
41. ASCENDANCY	(n)	controlling influence; domination
42. ASCETIC	(adj)	without indulgence or luxury
43. ASPIRE	(v)	to desire strongly; to have a great ambition
44. ASSUAGE	(v)	to reduce pain
45. ASTUTE	(adj)	wise; shrewd; clever; ready witted
46. ATROPHY	(v)	to waste away from lack of use
47. AUGMENT	(v)	to add to; to increase
48. AUSTERITY	(n)	sternness; severity
49. AUTONOMY	(n)	self-rule; independence
50. AVARICE	(n)	greed; cupidity
51. BAMBOOZLE	(v)	to deceive by elaborate trickery; to hoodwink
52. BANAL	(adj)	hackneyed; commonplace; trite; dull; ordinary
53. BASTION	(n)	a stronghold; a fort
54. BEAR	(v)	to endure
55. BEDLAM	(n)	uproar; confusion
56. BELLICOSE	(adj)	warlike; quarrelsome
57. BENEVOLENT	(adj)	generous; charitable; kindly; well-wishing
58. BENIGN	(adj)	kindly; favorable; good-natured; not malignant
59. BEQUEATH	(v)	to leave to someone in a will; hand down
60. BLASPHEMY	(n)	cursing; irreverence, sacrilege
61. BOISTEROUS	(adj)	rough; stormy; loud; violent; lacking restraint
62. BOGUS	(adj)	make-believe; fake
63. BOMBAST	(n)	pretentious, inflated speech or writing
64. BONA FIDE	(adj)	made in good faith; genuine
65. BOYCOTT	(v)	to protest by refusing to buy/deal with
66. BREVITY	(n)	conciseness; right to the point
67. BROUHAHA	(n)	hubbub; uproar; furor
68. BUFFOON	(n)	a clown; comedian or laughable person
69. BUTTRESS	(v)	to support or prop
70. CACOPHONOUS	(adj)	harsh sounding; inharmonious
71. CADENCE	(n)	rhythm
72. CAJOLE	(v)	coax; wheedle

73. CAMEO	(n)	raised image on precious stone; a small roll
74. CANDOR	(n)	frankness; honesty
75. CAPRICIOUS	(adj)	fickle; incalculable; whimsical; unpredictable
76. CARCINOGEN	(n)	a substance that causes cancer
77. CAUCUS	(n)	closed meeting of a political party/faction
78. CELESTIAL	(adj)	heavenly
79. CENSORIOUS	(adj)	critical
80. CENSURE	(v)	severely criticize; blame
81. CERTITUDE	(n)	certainty; complete assurance
82. CHRONOLOGICAL	(adj)	arranged in order by the time the events happened
83. CIRCUMSPECT	(adj)	cautious; prudent; vigilant; judicious
84. CIRCUMVENT	(v)	to avoid by going around; to encircle/outwit
85. CITADEL	(n)	a fortress
86. CLEMENCY	(n)	leniency; mildness (as of weather)
87. COERCION	(n)	use of force to get someone's compliance
88. COGITATE	(v)	to ponder or think deeply
89. COMATOSE	(adj)	unconscious; inactive
90. COMMEMORATE	(v)	to honor the memory of someone/something
91. COMPLACENT	(adj)	smug; self-satisfied
92. COMPLIANCE	(n)	conformity (to request or demand); yielding nature
93. CONCILIATORY	(adj)	reconciling; soothing
94. CONCISE	(adj)	brief; compact
95. CONDONE	(v)	overlook; forgive
96. CONFLAGRATION	(n)	a large, destructive fire
97. CONNOTATION	(n)	implication; subtext
98. CONTRITE	(adj)	thoroughly sorry
99. CONTROVERSIAL	(adj)	debatable; disputable
100. CONVERGE	(v)	approach; tend to meet
101. CONVEYANCE	(n)	a means of transporting; a vehicle
102. CONVICTION	(n)	firm belief; state of being sure
103. CORROBORATE(v)		to support or to confirm
104. COWER	(v)	to crouch or draw back; cringe
105. CREDULOUS	(adj)	gullible; ready to believe w/o proof
106. CREDULITY	(n)	believability
107. CRITERION	(n)	standard of judgment
108. CRYPTIC	(adj)	secret; mysterious
109. CURSORY	(adj)	rapid; hasty; not detailed
110. DAUNT	(v)	frighten (esp. into giving up purpose)
111. DEBILITATE	(v)	weaken; enfeeble
112. DEBONAIR	(adj)	suave, charming, lighthearted
113. DEBRIS	(n)	ruins; trash
114. DECIDUOUS	(adj)	shedding at a certain stage
115. DECORUM	(n)	propriety; proper behavior or conduct
116. DEDUCTION	(n)	the process of reaching a conclusion by reasoning
117. DEFERENCE	(n)	a show of respect

118.	DEIGN	(v)	to condescend
119.	DELECTABLE	(adj)	delicious; appetizing
120.	DELINEATE	(v)	to portray
121.	DELUDED	(adj)	deceived; misled; fooled; duped; hoodwinked
122.	DEMAGOGUE	(n)	a leader who promises things to gain power
123.	DENOUNCE	(v)	to speak against publicly
124.	DEPRAVITY	(n)	wickedness; corruption
125.	DEPRECATE	(v)	express disapproval; protest; belittle
126.	DERISION	(n)	contempt; ridicule
127.	DESECRATE	(v)	to show disrespect; to deface the sacred
128.	DESPONDENT	(adj)	depressed; gloomy
129.	DESPOT	(n)	tyrant; harsh tyrannical ruler
130.	DETERRENT	(n)	hindrance; something that discourages
131.	DEXTEROUS	(adj)	skillful; adroit
132.	DIDACTIC	(adj)	intending to teach (pushy, perhaps); instructional
133.	DIFFIDENT	(adj)	shy; lacking confidence
134.	DIGRESSION	(n)	straying from a topic
135.	DIMINUTION	(n)	lessening; reduction in size
136.	DISCERN	(v)	to distinguish one thing from another
137.	DISCERNING	(adj)	mentally quick, observant; insightful
138.	DISCORDANT	(adj)	inharmonious; conflicting
139.	DISDAIN	(v)	to treat with scorn or contempt
140.	DISCREPANCY	(n)	inconsistency; difference
141.	DISHEVELED	(adj)	untidy
142.	DISINCLINATION	(n)	unwillingness
143.	DISPARAGE	(v)	to speak poorly of; belittle
144.	DISPARITY	(n)	difference; inequality
145.	DISPERSE	(v)	scatter
146.	DISSEMINATE	(v)	scatter (like seeds)
147.	DISSENT	(n)	disagreement
148.	DISSONANCE	(n)	harsh sounds
149.	DISTEND	(v)	expand; swell out
150.	DIVERGENT	(adj)	differing; deviant
151.	DIVULGE	(v)	to reveal; to make known
152.	DOGGEREL	(n)	loose irregular verse; inferior poetry
153.	DOGMATIC	(adj)	stubbornly opinionated; arbitrary
154.	DORMANT	(adj)	sleeping; inactive
155.	DRONE	(v)	to talk on and on in a dull way
156.	DUBIOUS	(adj)	doubtful
157.	DULCET	(adj)	sweet; melodious; soothing
158.	DUPLICITY	(n)	double-dealing; conniving; lying
159.	ECCENTRIC	(adj)	out-of-the-ordinary; quirky
160.	ECLECTIC	(adj)	selective in choosing from varied choices
161.	EFFERVESCENT	(adj)	exuberant; bubbly & excited
162.	EGREGIOUS	(adj)	flagrant; out of the ordinary

163.	ELABORATION	(n)	addition of details; intricacy
164.	ELEGIAC	(adj)	mournful; plaintive; lamenting; melancholic
165.	ELOQUENCE	(n)	expressiveness; persuasive speech
166.	ELUCIDATE	(v)	to explain; make clear
167.	ELUSIVE	(adj)	evasive; baffling; hard-to-grasp
168.	EMACIATED	(adj)	thin and wasted
169.	EMBARGO	(n)	govt. prohibition on trade w/another nation
170.	EMBELLISH	(v)	to adorn
171.	EMULATE	(v)	to imitate or rival
172.	ENCOUNTER	(v)	to come across; to meet
173.	ENERVATE	(v)	to weaken
174.	ENGENDER	(v)	to cause; produce
175.	ENIGMA	(n)	something puzzling, a riddle
176.	ENTHUSIASTIC	(adj)	showing great interest or excitement
177.	EPHEMERAL	(adj)	short-lived; fleeting
178.	EQUESTRIAN	(adj)	related to horseback riding
179.	EQUILIBRIUM	(n)	a state of balance
180.	EQUIVOCAL	(adj)	doubtful; ambiguous
181.	ESCALATE	(v)	to enlarge; to increase
182.	ESOTERIC	(adj)	known only to a chosen few
183.	EULOGY	(n)	praise (often at a funeral)
184.	EUPHEMISM	(n)	mild expression in place of an unpleasant one
185.	EUPHONIOUS	(adj)	melodious; pleasant sounding
186.	EXACERBATE	(v)	to make worse; embitter
187.	EXEMPLARY	(adj)	serving as a model of excellence
188.	EXHAUSTIVE	(adj)	thorough; comprehensive
189.	EXODUS	(n)	a mass departure
190.	EXONERATE	(v)	acquit; exculpate; prove innocent
191.	EXPEDITE	(v)	to quicken; hurry something through a process
192.	EXPLETIVE	(n)	an exclamatory word or phrase, often obscene
193.	EXPLICIT	(adj)	definite; open; specific
194.	EXPONENT	(n)	one who speaks for, represents, advocates
195.	EXPUNGE	(v)	to strike out, to erase, to remove
196.	EXTOL	(v)	to praise; glorify
197.	EXULT	(v)	to rejoice greatly; be jubilant, triumphant
198.	EXTRICATE	(v)	to free; disentangle
199.	FALLACIOUS	(adj)	misleading; false
200.	FANATICISM	(n)	excessive zeal
201.	FASTIDIOUS	(adj)	difficult to please; squeamish; finicky
202.	FATHOM	(v)	understand; work out; figure out
203.	FECUND	(adj)	fruitful; productive
204.	FERVOR	(n)	glowing ardor; burning intensity of feeling
205.	FIASCO	(n)	a failure
206.	FLAMBOYANT	(adj)	ornate, showy
207.	FLAGRANT	(adj)	conspicuously wicked; glaringly wrong

208.	FLOURISH	(v)	to thrive; grow or develop luxuriantly
209.	FORMIDABLE	(adj)	frightening; dreadful; awe-inspiring
210.	FRIVOLITY	(n)	lack of seriousness
211.	FUTILE	(adj)	hopeless; without effect
212.	GALA	(n)	festival; celebration
213.	GARBLED	(adj)	mixed up (as in a message)
214.	GARGOYLE	(n)	a rain spout in shape of grotesque figure
215.	GAUNTLET	(n)	a thick, heavy glove (from a suit of armor)
216.	GERMINATE	(v)	to begin to grow, sprout
217.	GLOBULE	(n)	a tiny drop; a small ball
218.	GLOSSARY	(n)	word list; vocabulary; dictionary
219.	GOSSAMER	(adj)	light, tenuous, delicate
220.	GRAVITY	(n)	seriousness
221.	GREGARIOUS	(adj)	sociable
222.	GUERRILLA	(n)	member of military force not part of army
223.	GUILE	(n)	deceit; duplicity; cunning
224.	GURU	(n)	1 who is followed as leader, teacher, spiritual leader
225.	GYRATE	(v)	to revolve around a point or axis
226.	HACKNEYED	(adj)	commonplace; trite
227.	HALCYON	(adj)	calm, peaceful
228.	HAPHAZARD	(adj)	random; by chance
229.	HARBINGER	(n)	forerunner; herald
230.	HAUGHTINESS	(n)	pride; arrogance
231.	HEDONISM	(n)	belief that pleasure is the sole aim in life
232.	HERESY	(n)	opinion contrary to popular belief
233.	HESITANT	(adj)	uncertain; cautious
234.	HERITAGE	(n)	something (tradition) passed down generations
235.	HIEROGLYPHIC	(n)	Egyptian system of writing
236.	HIRSUTE	(adj)	very hairy
237.	HOLOCAUST	(n)	widespread destruction, especially by fire
238.	HOMOGENEOUS	(adj)	of the same kind
239.	HYPOCRITICAL (adj)		pretending to be virtuous; deceiving
240.	HYPOTHETICAL	(ad.)	based on assumptions
241.	IDOLATROUS	(adj)	worshipful; reverential; excessively admiring
242.	IMMUTABLE	(adj.)	unchangeable; permanent
243.	IMPERTINENT	(adj)	offensively bold; rude
244.	IMPLICATION	(n)	that which is hinted at or suggested
245.	IMPLICIT	(adj)	understood but not stated
246.	IMPROPRIETY	(n)	improper conduct; bad manners
247.	INADVERTENTLY	(adv.)	carelessly; unintentionally
248.	INAUGURATE	(v)	to start; initiate; install into office
249.	INCARCERATE	(v)	to put in prison
250.	INCESSANT	(adj)	uninterrupted; unending; non-stop
251.	INCIDENTAL	(adj)	not essential; minor
252.	INCITE	(v)	to arouse to action



253.	INCLEMENT	(adj)	stormy, harsh
254.	INCONGRUOUS (adj)		not fitting; absurd
255.	INCONTROVERTIBLE	(adj.)	indisputable
256.	INCORRIGIBLE	(adj)	uncorrectable
257.	INDICT	(v)	charge; accuse of
258.	INDIFFERENCE	(n)	disinterest; unconcern
259.	INDOLENT	(adj)	lazy
260.	INDULGENT	(adj)	humoring; yielding; lenient
261.	INEPT	(adj)	incompetent; inexpert; clumsy; ham-fisted; bungling
262.	INEVITABLE	(adj)	unavoidable; bound to happen
263.	INFAMOUS	(adj)	notoriously bad
264.	INFERENCE	(n)	act of deciding/concluding by reasoning evidence
265.	INFILTRATE	(v)	pass into; penetrate (organization) sneakily
266.	INGENUOUS	(adj)	naïve; young; unsophisticated
267.	INHERENT	(adj)	firmly established by nature or habit
268.	INNATE	(adj)	inborn
269.	INNOCUOUS	(adj)	harmless; insignificant
270.	INNOVATE	(v)	to make changes; modernize
271.	INSIPID	(adj)	tasteless; dull; bland; boring
272.	INSTIGATE	(v)	urge; start; provoke
273.	INTERMITTENT	(adj)	periodic; off and on
274.	INTRACTABLE	(adj)	unruly; refuses to do something
275.	INTREPID	(adj)	fearless; bold
276.	INTROSPECTION	(n)	exam of one's thoughts and feelings
277.	IRASCIBLE	(adj)	easily angered; bad-tempered
278.	IRONIC	(adj)	results in an unexpected & contrary manner
279.	IRREPARABLE	(adj)	cannot be repaired
280.	IRRESOLUTE	(adj)	uncertain how to act; weak
281.	IRREVERENCE	(n)	lack of proper respect
282.	ITINERARY	(n)	the route of a journey
283.	JAUNTY	(adj)	showing carefree self-confident air
284.	JETTISON	(v)	to discard, to cast off as an encumbrance
285.	JOVIAL	(adj)	jolly; full of fun and good cheer
286.	JUXTAPOSE	(v)	to place side by side
287.	KINDLE	(v)	to start a fire; inspire
288.	LABYRINTHINE (adj)		complicated; perplexing; mazelike
289.	LACONIC (adj)		brief; to the point
290.	LAMBENT	(adj)	softly bright; flickering
291.	LANGUID	(adj)	slow & listless
292.	LAUD	(v)	to praise
293.	LEGACY	(n)	a gift made in a will
294.	LETHARGIC	(adj)	drowsy; dull
295.	LEVITY	(n)	lightness; humor
296.	LIBATION	(n)	a beverage (sometimes religious offering)
297.	LICHEN	(n)	organism w/fungus & algae together

298.	LINEAGE	(n)	descent in a direct line from an ancestor
299.	LOQUACIOUS	(adj)	given to excessive talking
300.	LISTLESS	(adj)	without energy or enthusiasm
301.	LUDICROUS	(adj)	laughable b/c of obvious absurdity
302.	LUCID	(adj)	easily understood
303.	LUGUBRIOUS	(adj)	exaggeratedly or affectedly mournful
304.	LUMINARY	(n)	one who is notable in a particular field
305.	MAELSTROM	(n)	a powerful whirlpool; turmoil
306.	MAGNANIMOUS	(adj)	especially generous
307.	MANACLE	(n)	a handcuff; a restraint
308.	MANEUVER	(n)	planned movement/procedure involving skill/cunning
309.	MARSUPIAL	(n)	mammals w/pouch outside female body for baby
310.	MASTICATE	(v)	to chew; to soften by crushing
311.	MAUSOLEUM	(n)	a large, elaborate tomb
312.	MELLIFLUOUS	(adj)	smoothly flowing; sweet
313.	MENDACITY	(n)	dishonesty; deceit; falsehood; fabrication
314.	METAMORPHOSIS	(n)	a transformation; a marked alteration
315.	METICULOUS	(adj)	excessively careful
316.	MISERLY	(adj)	stingy; mean
317.	MITIGATE	(v)	to appease
318.	MONOLITH	(n)	a single large stone (often column/monument)
319.	MONOLOGUE	(n)	long uninterrupted speech by one person
320.	MOROSE	(adj)	ill-humored
321.	MOSAIC	(n)	a design/picture made of small colored pieces
322.	MUNDANE	(adj)	worldly as opposed to spiritual
323.	NOCTURNAL	(adj)	pertaining to the night; active at night
324.	NOTORIETY	(n)	disrepute; ill fame
325.	NOVEL	(adj)	new; interesting
326.	NUISANCE	(n)	a bother; source of inconvenience
327.	NULLIFY	(v)	to make invalid
328.	NURTURE	(v)	to bring up; feed; educate
329.	OBDURATE	(adj)	hard; unmoved by persuasion
330.	OBLIVION	(n)	forgetfulness
331.	OBSEQUIOUS	(adj)	fawning; servile
332.	OBSCURE	(adj)	unclear; clouded; partly hidden
333.	OMINOUS	(adj)	portentous; menacing; ill-omened; threatening
334.	OMNIVORE	(n)	one that eats both plants and animals
335.	OPAQUE	(adj)	dark; not transparent
336.	OPULENCE	(n)	wealth
337.	OSCILLATE	(v)	to swing back and forth
338.	OSTENTATIOUS	(adj)	showy; pretentious
339.	OSTRACIZE	(v)	to exclude from a group; to banish
340.	OUTRAGEOUS	(adj)	exceeding all bounds of what is right/proper
341.	OVATION	(n)	enthusiastic display of approval; applause
342.	PACIFIST	(n)	one opposed to force; believer in peace

343.	PANORAMA	(n)	a wide, unbroken view
344.	PARAPHERNALIA	(n)	personal belongings; equipment
345.	PARIAH	(n)	an outcast
346.	PAROCHIAL	(adj)	limited in scope; relating to a church parish
347.	PARSIMONY	(n)	stinginess
348.	PARTISAN	(adj)	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
349.	PATHOS	(n)	sorrow; pity; sadness
350.	PEDESTRIAN	(adj)	commonplace; trite

**\*Though this list ends here at 350, you will eventually be responsible for ALL 500 AP Vocab words.**