



9th Grade Honors/AP Prep Summer Work for the 2021-2022 School Year

Here is the required summer reading for all students who will be entering 9th grade Honors/AP Prep in the fall. When you return in August you will be given a test on the vocabulary, as well as assessment work on your summer reading. If you have not done the required work, your grade will be profoundly and detrimentally influenced and you may be removed from our nationally recognized AP Prep program.

Required Reading:

- Mythology* by Edith Hamilton ("Part 1: The Gods, the Creation, and the Earliest Heroes"; "Part 2: Stories of Love and Adventure")
- The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- Nothing But the Truth* by AVI

Students may buy/check out required reading books or contact their English teacher for digital copies of the readings.

Required Writing:

1. Complete a two-page (double-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12, 1" margins) analysis of *Nothing But the Truth*:

In the novel Dr. Seymour says to Dr. Doane, "It doesn't matter if it's true or not. It's what people are saying that's important." Is this statement accurate? Respond using specific examples from the novel (cite page numbers), as well as one example from your own life experience.

2. Complete a two-page (double-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 1" margins) analysis of *The Pearl*:

In your essay, provide an interpretation for the following statement using specific examples and references found in *The Pearl*: "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed."

Both essays are to be completed and turned in on Canvas the first week of school.

Required Vocabulary:

YOU MUST MEMORIZE THE FIRST 349 WORDS ON THE VOCABULARY LIST. Please note that the first 349 vocabulary words are to be recorded on FLASH CARDS and MEMORIZED. **Flashcards can be digital or a hard copy** (index cards).

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.

We ask that you and your parents sign this letter and then return it to your English teacher.
PLEASE RETAIN THE SECOND COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

I have received the summer work packet and I understand the expectations.

Student Name (printed) _____ Student Signature _____

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Vocabulary (SAT/AP:)

9th-12th grade Honors and AP VOCABULARY

1. ABSTRACT	(adj)	theoretical; not concrete; non-representational
2. ACCENTUATE	(v)	to give prominence to; to emphasize or intensify
3. ACQUIESCE	(v)	assent; agree passively; give in to; agree
4. ACUITY	(n)	sharpness of perception or mind
5. ADJOURN	(v)	to break up; to recess
6. ADMONISH	(v)	warn; reprove
7. ADULATION	(n)	adoration; excessive praise
8. ADVERSARY	(n)	opponent; enemy
9. ADVOCATE	(v)	urge or plead for
10. AESTHETIC	(adj)	concerning art or beauty
11. AFFABLE	(adj)	friendly; agreeable
12. AFFIRMATION	(n)	positive statement; confirmation
13. ALLITERATION	(n)	repetition of same sounds (often consonants)
14. ALTERCATION	(n)	a noisy dispute
15. ALTRUISTIC	(adj)	Unselfishly generous; concerned for others
16. AMALGAM	(n)	a mixture of different elements
17. AMBIGUOUS	(adj)	unclear; doubtful; undecided
18. AMBIVALENCE	(n)	state of contradictory or opposing emotions
19. AMBROSIAL	(adj)	delicious, fragrant, divine
20. AMBULATORY	(adj)	walking or moving; alterable
21. AMELIORATE	(v)	to improve; make better
22. AMPHIBIOUS	(adj)	able to function both on land & on water
23. ANALOGY	(n)	some similarities between things that are unlike
24. ANARCHY	(n)	lack of government; chaos
25. ANDROGYNOUS	(adj)	unisex; having both male & female traits
26. ANECDOTE	(n)	a brief, humorous story
27. ANGUISHED	(adj)	grief-stricken; tormented
28. ANIMOSITY	(n)	active hatred
29. ANTIQUE	(adj)	very old; old-fashioned; aged
30. ANTITHESIS	(n)	contrast; direct opposite
31. APATHY	(n)	lack of caring, emotion, or interest
32. APEX	(n)	highest point; summit
33. APPARITION	(n)	an unusual or unexpected sight
34. APPENDAGE	(n)	something attached to a larger item
35. APPREHENSIVE	(adj)	fearful; worried
36. ARBITRARY	(adj)	unreasonable or capricious
37. ARCANES	(adj)	secret mysterious
38. ARCHETYPE	(n)	the original pattern or model



39. ARTICULATE	(adj)	effective; distinct
40. ASCENDANCY	(n)	controlling influence; domination
41. ASCETIC	(adj)	without indulgence or luxury
42. ASPIRE	(v)	to desire strongly; to have a great ambition
43. ASSUAGE	(v)	to reduce pain
44. ASTUTE	(adj)	wise; shrewd; clever; ready witted
45. ATROPHY	(v)	to waste away from lack of use
46. AUGMENT	(v)	to add to; to increase
47. AUSTERITY	(n)	sternness; severity
48. AUTONOMY	(n)	self-rule; independence
49. AVARICE	(n)	greed; cupidity
50. BAMBOOZLE	(v)	to deceive by elaborate trickery; to hoodwink
51. BANAL	(adj)	hackneyed; commonplace; trite; dull; ordinary
52. BASTION	(n)	a stronghold; a fort
53. BEAR	(v)	to endure
54. BEDLAM	(n)	uproar; confusion
55. BELLICOSE	(adj)	warlike; quarrelsome
56. BENEVOLENT	(adj)	generous; charitable; kindly; well-wishing
57. BENIGN	(adj)	kindly; favorable; good-natured; not malignant
58. BEQUEATH	(v)	to leave to someone in a will; hand down
59. BLASPHEMY	(n)	cursing; irreverence, sacrilege
60. BOISTEROUS	(adj)	rough; stormy; loud; violent; lacking restraint
61. BOGUS	(adj)	make-believe; fake
62. BOMBAST	(n)	pretentious, inflated speech or writing
63. BONA FIDE	(adj)	made in good faith; genuine
64. BOYCOTT	(v)	to protest by refusing to buy/deal with
65. BREVITY	(n)	conciseness; right to the point
66. BROUHAHA	(n)	hubbub; uproar; furor
67. BUFFOON	(n)	a clown; comedian or laughable person
68. BUTTRESS	(v)	to support or prop
69. CACOPHONOUS	(adj)	harsh sounding; inharmonious
70. CADENCE	(n)	rhythm
71. CAJOLE	(v)	coax; wheedle
72. CAMEO	(n)	raised image on precious stone; a small roll
73. CANDOR	(n)	frankness; honesty
74. CAPRICIOUS	(adj)	fickle; incalculable; whimsical; unpredictable
75. CARCINOGEN	(n)	a substance that causes cancer
76. CAUCUS	(n)	closed meeting of a political party/faction
77. CELESTIAL	(adj)	heavenly
78. CENSORIOUS	(adj)	critical
79. CENSURE	(v)	severely criticize; blame
80. CERTITUDE	(n)	certainty; complete assurance
81. CHRONOLOGICAL	(adj)	arranged in order by the time the events happened
82. CIRCUMSPECT	(adj)	cautious; prudent; vigilant; judicious
83. CIRCUMVENT	(v)	to avoid by going around; to encircle/outwit



84. CITADEL	(n)	a fortress
85. CLEMENCY	(n)	leniency; mildness (as of weather)
86. COERCION	(n)	use of force to get someone's compliance
87. COGITATE	(v)	to ponder or think deeply
88. COMATOSE	(adj)	unconscious; inactive
89. COMMEMORATE	(v)	to honor the memory of someone/something
90. COMPLACENT	(adj)	smug; self-satisfied
91. COMPLIANCE	(n)	conformity (to request or demand); yielding nature
92. CONCILIATORY	(adj)	reconciling; soothing
93. CONCISE	(adj)	brief; compact
94. CONDONE	(v)	overlook; forgive
95. CONFLAGRATION (n)		a large, destructive fire
96. CONNOTATION	(n)	implication; subtext
97. CONTRITE	(adj)	thoroughly sorry
98. CONTROVERSIAL	(adj)	debatable; disputable
99. CONVERGE (v)		approach; tend to meet
100. CONVEYANCE	(n)	a means of transporting; a vehicle
101. CONVICTION	(n)	firm belief; state of being sure
102. CORROBORATE (v)		to support or to confirm
103. COWER	(v)	to crouch or draw back; cringe
104. CREDULOUS	(adj)	gullible; ready to believe w/o proof
105. CREDULITY	(n)	believability
106. CRITERION	(n)	standard of judgment
107. CRYPTIC	(adj)	secret; mysterious
108. CURSORY	(adj)	rapid; hasty; not detailed
109. DAUNT	(v)	frighten (esp. into giving up purpose)
110. DEBILITATE	(v)	weaken; enfeeble
111. DEBONAIR	(adj)	suave, charming, lighthearted
112. DEBRIS	(n)	ruins; trash
113. DECIDUOUS	(adj)	shedding at a certain stage
114. DECORUM	(n)	propriety; proper behavior or conduct
115. DEDUCTION	(n)	the process of reaching a conclusion by reasoning
116. DEFERENCE	(n)	a show of respect
117. DEIGN	(v)	to condescend
118. DELECTABLE	(adj)	delicious; appetizing
119. DELINEATE	(v)	to portray
120. DELUDED	(adj)	deceived; misled; fooled; duped; hoodwinked
121. DEMAGOGUE	(n)	a leader who promises things to gain power
122. DENOUNCE	(v)	to speak against publicly
123. DEPRAVITY	(n)	wickedness; corruption
124. DEPRECATE	(v)	express disapproval; protest; belittle
125. DERISION	(n)	contempt; ridicule
126. DESECRATE	(v)	to show disrespect; to deface the sacred
127. DESPONDENT	(adj)	depressed; gloomy
128. DESPOT	(n)	tyrant; harsh tyrannical ruler



129.	DETERRENT	(n)	hindrance; something that discourages
130.	DEXTEROUS	(adj)	skillful; adroit
131.	DIDACTIC	(adj)	intending to teach (pushy, perhaps); instructional
132.	DIFFIDENT	(adj)	shy; lacking confidence
133.	DIGRESSION	(n)	straying from a topic
134.	DIMINUTION	(n)	lessening; reduction in size
135.	DISCERN	(v)	to distinguish one thing from another
136.	DISCERNING	(adj)	mentally quick, observant; insightful
137.	DISCORDANT	(adj)	inharmonious; conflicting
138.	DISDAIN	(v)	to treat with scorn or contempt
139.	DISCREPANCY	(n)	inconsistency; difference
140.	DISHEVELED	(adj)	untidy
141.	DISINCLINATION	(n)	unwillingness
142.	DISPARAGE	(v)	to speak poorly of; belittle
143.	DISPARITY	(n)	difference; inequality
144.	DISPERSE	(v)	scatter
145.	DISSEMINATE	(v)	scatter (like seeds)
146.	DISSENT	(n)	disagreement
147.	DISSONANCE	(n)	harsh sounds
148.	DISTEND	(v)	expand; swell out
149.	DIVERGENT	(adj)	differing; deviant
150.	DIVULGE	(v)	to reveal; to make known
151.	DOGGEREL	(n)	loose irregular verse; inferior poetry
152.	DOGMATIC	(adj)	stubbornly opinionated; arbitrary
153.	DORMANT	(adj)	sleeping; inactive
154.	DRONE	(v)	to talk on and on in a dull way
155.	DUBIOUS	(adj)	doubtful
156.	DULCET	(adj)	sweet; melodious; soothing
157.	DUPLICITY	(n)	double-dealing; conniving; lying
158.	ECCENTRIC	(adj)	out-of-the-ordinary; quirky
159.	ECLECTIC	(adj)	selective in choosing from varied choices
160.	EFFERVESCENT	(adj)	exuberant; bubbly & excited
161.	EGREGIOUS	(adj)	flagrant; out of the ordinary
162.	ELABORATION	(n)	addition of details; intricacy
163.	ELEGIAC	(adj)	mournful; plaintive; lamenting; melancholic
164.	ELOQUENCE	(n)	expressiveness; persuasive speech
165.	ELUCIDATE	(v)	to explain; make clear
166.	ELUSIVE	(adj)	evasive; baffling; hard-to-grasp
167.	EMACIATED	(adj)	thin and wasted
168.	EMBARGO	(n)	govt. prohibition on trade w/another nation
169.	EMBELLISH	(v)	to adorn
170.	EMULATE	(v)	to imitate or rival
171.	ENCOUNTER	(v)	to come across; to meet
172.	ENERVATE	(v)	to weaken
173.	ENGENDER	(v)	to cause; produce



174.	ENIGMA	(n)	something puzzling, a riddle
175.	ENTHUSIASTIC	(adj)	showing great interest or excitement
176.	EPHEMERAL	(adj)	short-lived; fleeting
177.	EQUESTRIAN	(adj)	related to horseback riding
178.	EQUILIBRIUM	(n)	a state of balance
179.	EQUIVOCAL	(adj)	doubtful; ambiguous
180.	ESCALATE	(v)	to enlarge; to increase
181.	ESOTERIC	(adj)	known only to a chosen few
182.	EULOGY	(n)	praise (often at a funeral)
183.	EUPHEMISM	(n)	mild expression in place of an unpleasant one
184.	EUPHONIOUS	(adj)	melodious; pleasant sounding
185.	EXACERBATE	(v)	to make worse; embitter
186.	EXEMPLARY	(adj)	serving as a model of excellence
187.	EXHAUSTIVE	(adj)	thorough; comprehensive
188.	EXODUS	(n)	a mass departure
189.	EXONERATE	(v)	acquit; exculpate; prove innocent
190.	EXPEDITE	(v)	to quicken; hurry something through a process
191.	EXPLETIVE	(n)	an exclamatory word or phrase, often obscene
192.	EXPLICIT	(adj)	definite; open; specific
193.	EXPONENT	(n)	one who speaks for, represents, advocates
194.	EXPUNGE	(v)	to strike out, to erase, to remove
195.	EXTOL	(v)	to praise; glorify
196.	EXULT	(v)	to rejoice greatly; be jubilant, triumphant
197.	EXTRICATE	(v)	to free; disentangle
198.	FALLACIOUS	(adj)	misleading; false
199.	FANATICISM	(n)	excessive zeal
200.	FASTIDIOUS	(adj)	difficult to please; squeamish; finicky
201.	FATHOM	(v)	understand; work out; figure out
202.	FECUND	(adj)	fruitful; productive
203.	FERVOR	(n)	glowing ardor; burning intensity of feeling
204.	FIASCO	(n)	a failure
205.	FLAMBOYANT	(adj)	ornate, showy
206.	FLAGRANT	(adj)	conspicuously wicked; glaringly wrong
207.	FLOURISH	(v)	to thrive; grow or develop luxuriantly
208.	FORMIDABLE	(adj)	frightening; dreadful; awe-inspiring
209.	FRIVOLITY	(n)	lack of seriousness
210.	FUTILE	(adj)	hopeless; without effect
211.	GALA	(n)	festival; celebration
212.	GARBLED	(adj)	mixed up (as in a message)
213.	GARGOYLE	(n)	a rain spout in shape of grotesque figure
214.	GAUNTLET	(n)	a thick, heavy glove (from a suit of armor)
215.	GERMINATE	(v)	to begin to grow, sprout
216.	GLOBULE	(n)	a tiny drop; a small ball
217.	GLOSSARY	(n)	word list; vocabulary; dictionary
218.	GOSSAMER	(adj)	light, tenuous, delicate



219.	GRAVITY	(n)	seriousness
220.	GREGARIOUS	(adj)	sociable
221.	GUERRILLA	(n)	member of military force not part of army
222.	GUILE	(n)	deceit; duplicity; cunning
223.	GURU	(n)	1 who is followed as leader, teacher, spiritual leader
224.	GYRATE	(v)	to revolve around a point or axis
225.	HACKNEYED	(adj)	commonplace; trite
226.	HALCYON	(adj)	calm, peaceful
227.	HAPHAZARD	(adj)	random; by chance
228.	HARBINGER	(n)	forerunner; herald
229.	HAUGHTINESS	(n)	pride; arrogance
230.	HEDONISM	(n)	belief that pleasure is the sole aim in life
231.	HERESY	(n)	opinion contrary to popular belief
232.	HESITANT	(adj)	uncertain; cautious
233.	HERITAGE	(n)	something (tradition) passed down generations
234.	HIEROGLYPHIC	(n)	Egyptian system of writing
235.	HIRSUTE	(adj)	very hairy
236.	HOLOCAUST	(n)	widespread destruction, especially by fire
237.	HOMOGENEOUS	(adj)	of the same kind
238.	HYPOCRITICAL (adj)		pretending to be virtuous; deceiving
239.	HYPOTHETICAL	(ad.)	based on assumptions
240.	IDOLATROUS	(adj)	worshipful; reverential; excessively admiring
241.	IMMUTABLE	(adj.)	unchangeable; permanent
242.	IMPERTINENT	(adj)	offensively bold; rude
243.	IMPLICATION	(n)	that which is hinted at or suggested
244.	IMPLICIT	(adj)	understood but not stated
245.	IMPROPRIETY	(n)	improper conduct; bad manners
246.	INADVERTENTLY	(adv.)	carelessly; unintentionally
247.	INAUGURATE	(v)	to start; initiate; install into office
248.	INCARCERATE	(v)	to put in prison
249.	INCESSANT	(adj)	uninterrupted; unending; non-stop
250.	INCIDENTAL	(adj)	not essential; minor
251.	INCITE	(v)	to arouse to action
252.	INCLEMENT	(adj)	stormy, harsh
253.	INCONGRUOUS (adj)		not fitting; absurd
254.	INCONTROVERTIBLE	(adj.)	indisputable
255.	INCORRIGIBLE	(adj)	uncorrectable
256.	INDICT	(v)	charge; accuse of
257.	INDIFFERENCE	(n)	disinterest; unconcern
258.	INDOLENT	(adj)	lazy
259.	INDULGENT	(adj)	humoring; yielding; lenient
260.	INEPT	(adj)	incompetent; inexpert; clumsy; ham-fisted; bungling
261.	INEVITABLE	(adj)	unavoidable; bound to happen
262.	INFAMOUS	(adj)	notoriously bad
263.	INFERENCE	(n)	act of deciding/concluding by reasoning evidence



264.	INFILTRATE	(v)	pass into; penetrate (organization) sneakily
265.	INGENUOUS	(adj)	naïve; young; unsophisticated
266.	INHERENT	(adj)	firmly established by nature or habit
267.	INNATE	(adj)	inborn
268.	INNOCUOUS	(adj)	harmless; insignificant
269.	INNOVATE	(v)	to make changes; modernize
270.	INSIPID	(adj)	tasteless; dull; bland; boring
271.	INSTIGATE	(v)	urge; start; provoke
272.	INTERMITTENT	(adj)	periodic; off and on
273.	INTRACTABLE	(adj)	unruly; refuses to do something
274.	INTREPID	(adj)	fearless; bold
275.	INTROSPECTION	(n)	exam of one's thoughts and feelings
276.	IRASCIBLE	(adj)	easily angered; bad-tempered
277.	IRONIC	(adj)	results in an unexpected & contrary manner
278.	IRREPARABLE	(adj)	cannot be repaired
279.	IRRESOLUTE	(adj)	uncertain how to act; weak
280.	IRREVERENCE	(n)	lack of proper respect
281.	ITINERARY	(n)	the route of a journey
282.	JAUNTY	(adj)	showing carefree self-confident air
283.	JETTISON	(v)	to discard, to cast off as an encumbrance
284.	JOVIAL	(adj)	jolly; full of fun and good cheer
285.	JUXTAPOSE	(v)	to place side by side
286.	KINDLE	(v)	to start a fire; inspire
287.	LABYRINTHINE	(adj)	complicated; perplexing; mazelike
288.	LACONIC	(adj)	brief; to the point
289.	LAMBENT	(adj)	softly bright; flickering
290.	LANGUID	(adj)	slow & listless
291.	LAUD	(v)	to praise
292.	LEGACY	(n)	a gift made in a will
293.	LETHARGIC	(adj)	drowsy; dull
294.	LEVITY	(n)	lightness; humor
295.	LIBATION	(n)	a beverage (sometimes religious offering)
296.	LICHEN	(n)	organism w/fungus & algae together
297.	LINEAGE	(n)	descent in a direct line from an ancestor
298.	LOQUACIOUS	(adj)	given to excessive talking
299.	LISTLESS	(adj)	without energy or enthusiasm
300.	LUDICROUS	(adj)	laughable b/c of obvious absurdity
301.	LUCID	(adj)	easily understood
302.	LUGUBRIOUS	(adj)	exaggeratedly or affectedly mournful
303.	LUMINARY	(n)	one who is notable in a particular field
304.	MAELSTROM	(n)	a powerful whirlpool; turmoil
305.	MAGNANIMOUS	(adj)	especially generous
306.	MANACLE	(n)	a handcuff; a restraint
307.	MANEUVER	(n)	planned movement/procedure involving skill/cunning
308.	MARSUPIAL	(n)	mammals w/pouch outside female body for baby



309.	MASTICATE	(v)	to chew; to soften by crushing
310.	MAUSOLEUM	(n)	a large, elaborate tomb
311.	MELLIFLUOUS	(adj)	smoothly flowing; sweet
312.	MENDACITY	(n)	dishonesty; deceit; falsehood; fabrication
313.	METAMORPHOSIS	(n)	a transformation; a marked alteration
314.	METICULOUS	(adj)	excessively careful
315.	MISERLY	(adj)	stingy; mean
316.	MITIGATE	(v)	to appease
317.	MONOLITH	(n)	a single large stone (often column/monument)
318.	MONOLOGUE	(n)	long uninterrupted speech by one person
319.	MOROSE	(adj)	ill-humored
320.	MOSAIC	(n)	a design/picture made of small colored pieces
321.	MUNDANE	(adj)	worldly as opposed to spiritual
322.	NOCTURNAL	(adj)	pertaining to the night; active at night
323.	NOTORIETY	(n)	disrepute; ill fame
324.	NOVEL	(adj)	new; interesting
325.	NUISANCE	(n)	a bother; source of inconvenience
326.	NULLIFY	(v)	to make invalid
327.	NURTURE	(v)	to bring up; feed; educate
328.	OBDURATE	(adj)	hard; unmoved by persuasion
329.	OBLIVION	(n)	forgetfulness
330.	OBSEQUIOUS	(adj)	fawning; servile
331.	OBSCURE	(adj)	unclear; clouded; partly hidden
332.	OMINOUS	(adj)	portentous; menacing; ill-omened; threatening
333.	OMNIVORE	(n)	one that eats both plants and animals
334.	OPAQUE	(adj)	dark; not transparent
335.	OPULENCE	(n)	wealth
336.	OSCILLATE	(v)	to swing back and forth
337.	OSTENTATIOUS	(adj)	showy; pretentious
338.	OSTRACIZE	(v)	to exclude from a group; to banish
339.	OUTRAGEOUS	(adj)	exceeding all bounds of what is right/proper
340.	OVATION	(n)	enthusiastic display of approval; applause
341.	PACIFIST	(n)	one opposed to force; believer in peace
342.	PANORAMA	(n)	a wide, unbroken view
343.	PARAPHERNALIA	(n)	personal belongings; equipment
344.	PARIAH	(n)	an outcast
345.	PAROCHIAL	(adj)	limited in scope; relating to a church parish
346.	PARSIMONY	(n)	stinginess
347.	PARTISAN	(adj)	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
348.	PATHOS	(n)	sorrow; pity; sadness
349.	PEDESTRIAN	(adj)	commonplace; trite

***Though this list ends here at 349, you will eventually be responsible for ALL 500 AP Vocab words.**