

AP KIDS SAY (LANG)

Mr. Williams' AP English Language 2015



AP First Semester Review

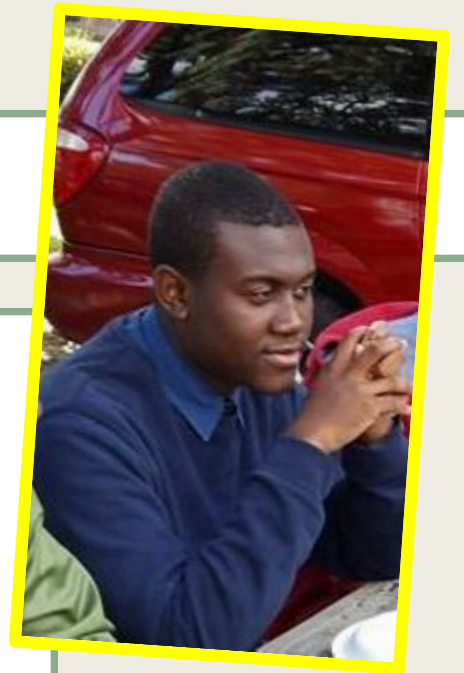
- You will have several slides to survey, see which one speaks to you the most; jot down important points.
- Then, in a group of four, you will need to discuss your choices.

Things to discuss include:

- What section is most problematic for you.
 - What section is easiest for you.
- Tips to help another person in your group.
 - Which person you agree with.
 - Which one poses a faulty argument.

Edwin MomPremier

- We had **drilled multiple-choice passages** nearly **every week** and **pop quizzes on all literary devices** and notable writers the AP Exam may test us on into our brains.
- **Attend study sessions.** Attending at least one of the sessions, aside from spending time studying on one's own, gave each student extra time with the teacher to improve on any of their weak areas.
- Another thing, **take the test and class seriously and believe in yourself.** Good things come to those that work hard and have faith in the things that they do;
- **Participate in class, go the extra mile.** Although I received a three on the exam, I prepared myself enough to pass the exam.



Johanna Brown



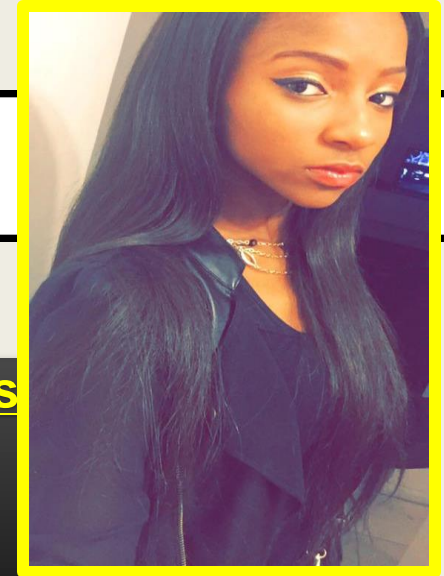
- Last year was my first time taking an AP class and with that I was very anxious. However, with constant preparation and practice, I was able to pass the AP English Language test with a 4.
 - Practice your multiple choice frequently.
- We had to create vocabulary flashcards of rhetorical devices and were given pop quizzes weekly.
- We moved from 2 essays weekly in the beginning of the week to 4-5 to improve our writing skills.
 - We peer edited each other's essays.
- Knowing your author's style & purpose and rhetorical devices truly helped.

Tariq Woods

- **General Tip: DO NOT FALL ASLEEP DURING THE EXAM.** You've put in too many hours of hard work to fall asleep on the one thing that you have worked all year for.
- **Multiple Choice Tip: Study the answer choices that appear most often in the multiple choice section or the questions that you constantly get wrong.** This will allow you to eliminate some of the possible choices and increase your chances of guessing and choosing the correct answer.
- **Essay Tip: One word...FINISH.** Make sure that each of the three essays is attempted. If time is running out, only do two body paragraphs and make sure that each paragraph addresses the topic of the essay as simply as possible.



Sara St. Juste



- Do your **assigned notecards on rhetorical devices**; **pop quizzes** on these helped.
- **Regular** essay and multiple choice **practice**.
- Afterschool **study sessions** and **test prep** really helped.
- **Work on your weaknesses!**
- Look at **released sample essays** for the good and the bad examples.
- I **didn't** even **finish the multiple choice** section. When I ran out of time, I **guessed** the same letter for the leftover section. I knew I then had to do well on the essay sections. My **speed** in writing and reading the documents for the Synthesis essay helped big time.

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Chelsea Owanikin



- Remember these **3** main principles: **inquisition**, **open-mindedness**, and **honesty**. If you are serious about passing the exam, I urge you to be **inquisitive**. Always question your work, and how it could have been done better. Besides inquisition, what also helps is **open-mindedness** in the face of constructive criticism. Do not get offended, or discouraged if that paper you felt confident about gets a five, and a few constructive comments. Just know that from there you could only get better, if you are open to knowing your downfalls, and thus moving beyond them. In addition to being inquisitive, and keeping an open mind, you must remain honest with yourself, and your instructor.
- Voice all of your concerns, **insecurities and fears** with your professor (Mr. Williams in this case). This information will help you grow as an intellectual, and them as your instructor; now they will be able to relay meaningful advice, and aid knowing your mental situation.
- Last, but not least, **pay attention to your thoughts**. Think positively, claim what you want: want what you claim. It might seem redundant, but we are what we think. Think that you can score a 4 or above, and you will. Think that you will fail, and you will fail. Simple. You were all put in this class for a reason, therefore there should not be any doubt in your minds on whether you got this or not because you do! Just take my little advice and "[you] gon' be alright!"

Briyahna Tucker

- Passing the AP language exam was not easy. It was imperative that I study consistently as well as always try to understand a deeper meaning from the text. Weeks before the test I began to ponder on different methods that would ultimately help me in the areas that were guaranteed to get me a passing score. I found those methods and took to extensively reviewing, and practicing them.
- I made **notecards of rhetorical devices and kept them in my bag**. Whenever I wasn't doing anything important, I would take them out and quiz myself. I made sure my writing was effective by practicing straight to the point intro paragraphs and always having a set number of vocabulary words to use for each point. It took a lot of time and effort but amazingly it all paid off. Specifically, for the 3rd essay I picked 3 philosophers and -isms that I felt could be used on almost any topic to give me a focus point in my essay to write about. Also, I made a mental note the day before the test of 5 transition words I can use for each paragraph to have an effective well-written essay.
- For me, I didn't really **focus on brushing up on topics and exercises** that I was weak in to help me pass but I focused more on the things I was either **really strong in or moderate** and focused on making me stronger on them. Study groups sometimes helped but sometimes they didn't. My friends and I would go over to each other's houses after school, order pizza, pull out our binders and get to studying. There were times when we were just lose all focus and play around and other times we would just sit and talk about what we learned.
- For future AP language students next year, I would suggest to **find a group of friends** who are either ahead of you or around the same level to help each other grow. This can be a great thing to surround yourselves will people who work equally as hard as you and want the same goal - to go to college and be somebody in life. A lot of times that helped me when I felt overwhelmed by all of the studying and tests. **Overall, the AP journey was long and sometimes overbearing but knowing now, that I don't have to pay for this class in college makes the journey one to be proud of.**



Erick Foster Mora



- What I do remember do is **drowning myself in simulated AP Lang exams**. I would go from doing one full length nonstop three hour AP Lang exam a week, weeks before the test to doing two to three of these full length three-hour and change exams at a week. **I would also start to do them at inconvenient times like from 11pm ~ 12 am and finish in time to go to school or church the next day**. This way, I got used to being sleepy while I took the test that way went the test actually came - I wouldn't. So I did that for over a month.
- I studied all **my rhetorical devices two days before the exam** (no full length exam thing), and then the day before the test I didn't study or anything. **The only reason I didn't get a 5 (which I totally could have) was because I was hopped up on homemade Folgers coffee and played ping pong and danced before the test started. It was the stupidest thing I did because I sat down to take the test all sweaty and drunk-like, aka worst testing circumstances ever.** 2/10 would not do that again. Either way, Williams prepared us well for the test, yeah.



Kaylah Clark

- **A lot of preparation was done** in order for me to pass the AP Lang Exam. Sacrifice and commitment were the two things that led to my success. Staying on top of all Mr. Williams assignments and sacrificing personal time to studying was a big part of the journey.
- **Creating and sticking to my study schedule kept me organized, prompt, and focused on all of the tasks at hand.** Along with this, I surrounded myself with dedicated peers that motivated me to not give up throughout the year. Personally, I focused more on essays than anything else because that was my strongest area.
- **Yes, it is important to focus on multiple choice, but by mastering the essay portion of the exam, multiple choice will be a breeze (especially once you learn how to properly annotate literature.)** Apply your knowledge. For me, I related everything I learned in class to the real world. Whether that was pointing out rhetorical devices used by news anchors or using social media as a platform to practice my essay writing, making connections is vital.
- **Honestly, you will need at least one or two people who are willing to work just as hard as you.** Having a study partner will get you through the year and with different studying styles. Do everything Williams says, push through, and have someone you can stress throughout the year with.

Tammery Carry

- **Passing the AP Lang test took a lot of hard work, dedication, and commitment.** It's important to take the class serious from the beginning. Everything Mr. Williams assigns has a purpose. All of it will play a part in helping you pass the test.
- It is **important to study too.** For me, it was hard to memorize all of the RDM's so I decided to memorize some that were easy for me to understand and easy to spot. If I would've been studying from the beginning it would have been easier for me to memorize all. Studying the vocabulary words helps you learn higher vocabulary and stand out more in your essays.
- The key to passing this class and this test is to **manage your time properly.** You have to set time aside every day to get your work done and sometimes that means missing an activity or a practice. You must prioritize what is important to you and what will help you in the long run. Practice is also key to passing. Practicing writing an essay in 40 to 45 minutes will help you get used to the time and become a more efficient writer.



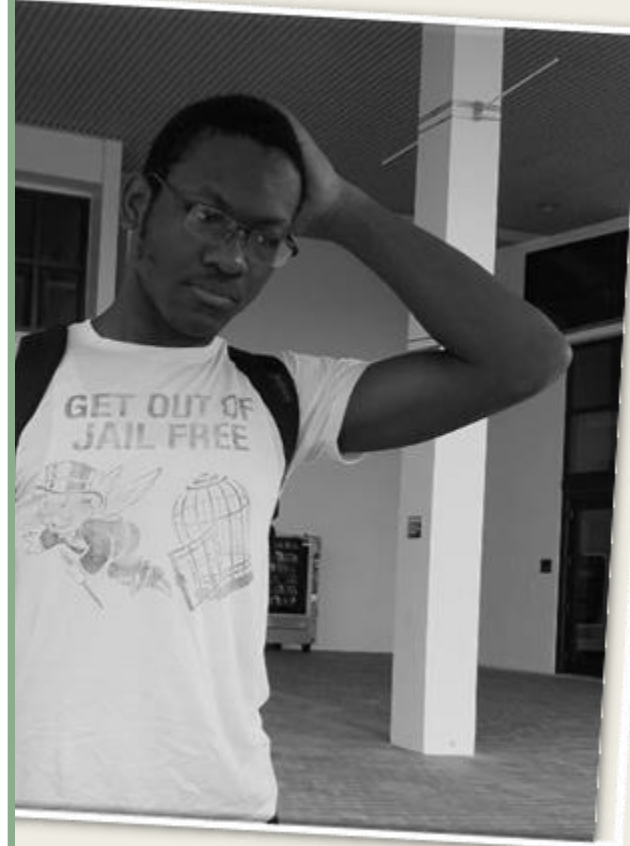
Mischael Saint-Sume

Dear rising AP Language and composition students,

I hear you want to learn ways in which you could pass the AP Lang test. Well I'm here to give you just the right answers. Simply, you do nothing. **This class along with the teacher can be very hectic.** I commend those brave enough to take the challenge. There will be points when the teacher gets on your nerves to the point you would want to drop out. If you are weak-minded, then do that. **Mr. Williams can be a bully and the feint of heart might breakdown by the ending of the first week of school.** If you know you're the type of student to procrastinate, you might succeed, but it will be overwhelming. You might lose hair, go grey, and even drop out of school. To those people I wish the best of luck.

Sincerely, Mischael Saint-Sume

- Dear rising AP Lang and Comp students,
- If you are still reading to this point and you think you can handle it, I applaud you. Now in all seriousness I want you to first remember this saying someone once told me and a group of people. **"The amount of work you put into something determines the end result."** Now you all are smart to see that this quote is pretty much self-explanatory. If you don't do the homework and you're not giving it your all, expect your results to be trash. **Now if you are doing your best and studying your RDMS,** then expect your work to be better trash. (It's still trash in his eyes, but not complete trash 🍌).
- **Study, study, and oh yeah, STUDY! Every assignment he gives you has a purpose.** Work on the parts you're weak on. If you're a crappy writer, write essays every weekend or in your journals. **If you have bad time management for multiple choice, then give yourself at least 10 minutes to answer 20 questions. Overall, practice. Practice does make perfect and having someone as smart as you to talk to about the RDMs is essential.**
- You'll want to memorize them efficiently and possibly finally understand what Mr. Williams is talking about. **Practice makes perfect.** Good luck on your journey.
- Sincerely, Mischael Saint-Sume



Dieudonne Saint-Georges

- There is no secret formula to passing the AP English Language and Composition test, but there are somethings you can do.
- **First and foremost**, you have to go into the test knowing you are ready to take the test. But to do that you'd have to have learned something. Trust that the assignments Mr. Williams gives, though numerous and sometimes ridiculous, are worth it.
- During the school year, you have to **find your weaknesses and work on them while improving your strengths even further**. I knew that multiple choice was my strength and writing would be the death of me.
- **I used Mr. Williams feedback, the many many feedback, and tried to keep them in mind every time I did an assignment**. On test day you have to tell yourself that the test isn't the most important thing.
- **The most important thing is that you didn't sit in a class for ten months, put up with all the headache and stress, and learn absolutely nothing**. This class will change you for the better if you let it.



Pritcherita Anthenor

- In order to pass the AP Language and Composition exam I had to focus on my goal to pass the exam.
- **First and foremost**, I had to prioritize schoolwork first and extracurricular activities second. To elaborate, even though I had debate meetings twice a week, depending on the amount of work I had that day I had to skip the meetings and go straight home. The assignments such as writing essays both at home and school prepared me so that I would be proficient when I wrote my essays.
- Also, at times I would also go home and take **some multiple choice exams**. In the end, those actions contributed to me passing the AP exam.

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Emily Blanco

Passing AP English Language Exam:

In order to pass the AP exam, I held study sessions after school with classmates, made flash cards,

and heavily reviewed the binder. In all honesty, the binder helped the most. The week of the exam,

I skimmed through each section of the binder to have as much as I can in my mind.

The preparation Pops provides also helps to a great extent; by now you all should know your strengths and weaknesses.

Focus on improving your weaknesses and keep reviewing to keep up with your strengths.

Time yourself, remember stock language and vocabulary, and use process of elimination.

I also prayed a lot and set the mindset to pass. Do not overthink/overwork yourself because you will not perform well on the exam.

How much you put in is what you will get in return.

