

11th AP English Language and Composition Summer Assignment 2019

Welcome to 11th AP English Language and Composition! This assignment is an opportunity for you to prepare for the college-level reading, writing, and thinking the course requires. We are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to stimulating your growth as AP English students. Your summer assignment consists of the following:

Elevated Diction

- Make flashcards for each of the following words. Flashcards should be 3x5 index cards. Write the word and part of speech on the front of the card and the full definition on the back of the card. Hole punch the cards in the upper left hand corner and affix to a large ring. **Bring the flashcards to class on the first day of school.**
- Using your flashcards, memorize the following list of elevated diction.
- Be prepared for a test on these words sometime during the first three weeks of school. You will be expected to know the definition of the words as well as be able to utilize them correctly in the context of a passage.

VERBS

Abhor – (v) to detest utterly, despise (*abhorrence*—n).

Acquiesce – (v) to submit or comply silently or without protest.

Admonish – (v) to warn, caution, or reprimand firmly

Ameliorate – (v) to make something better or more satisfactory; improve.

Behoove – (v) to be necessary, proper, or worthwhile to, as for personal profit or advantage.

Chastise – (v) to discipline or punish; scold severely

Debunk – (v) to expose a claim or assertion as being pretentious, false, or exaggerated.

Demoralize – (v) to deprive a person or persons of spirit, courage, discipline, etc.; destroy the morale of.

Disseminate – (v) to scatter or spread widely; to disperse.

Edify – (v) Instruct or improve someone morally or intellectually.

Elucidate – (v) to make clear; provide clarification

Emulate—(v) match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation.

Entrench – (v) to establish firmly or solidly.

Eradicate/obliterate – (v) to remove or destroy all traces of; do away with; annihilate.

Exacerbate – (v) to increase the severity, bitterness, or violence of something; to aggravate.

Expatriate – (v) to elaborate on a topic in detail.

Expedite – (v) to speed up the progress of; hasten.

Extol—(v) to praise highly or enthusiastically.

Facilitate – (v) to make easier or less difficult; to help forward an action, a process, etc.

Foster – (v) to promote the growth or development of; further; encourage.

Galvanize – (v) to shock or excite someone into taking sudden action.

Garner – (v) to obtain, acquire, or earn.

Impede – (v) to delay in movement or progress by means of obstacles or hindrances; obstruct; hinder (*impediment*-n).

Implore – (v) beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something.

Impute – (v) to credit to a source or cause.

Inundate- (v) to flood or overwhelm.

Lampoon – (v) Publicly criticize someone or something by using ridicule or sarcasm.

Objectify-- (v) to treat a person as a thing, with no regard to their dignity (*objectification*—n).

Permeate – (v) to move into or through every part.

Polarize – (v) to divide into sharply opposing factions, political groups.

Posits – (v) assume as a fact; put forward as a basis of argument.

Relegate – (v) to move to a position of less authority/importance.

Scrutinize – (v) to examine carefully (*scrutiny*--n).

Segue – (v) to transition from one thing to another smoothly and without interruption.

Subdue – (v) to conquer and bring into subjection; to overpower by force.

Substantiate – (v) to establish or confirm by proof or competent evidence.

Vacillate – (v) alternate or waver between different opinions or actions; to be indecisive.

Vindicate – (v) to clear from an accusation or suspicion; to justify or defend (*vindication*--n).

ADJECTIVES

Arduous – (adj) requiring great physical or mental effort; difficult, strenuous.

Benevolent – (adj) characterized by/expressing goodwill or kindly feelings; charitable.

Clandestine – (adj) executed with secrecy or concealment, for purposes of deception.

Cognizant – (adj) to be aware; to have knowledge.

Conducive – (adj) tending to produce; helpful, favorable (usually followed by “to”) *Doing homework is conducive to getting good grades.*

Counterintuitive – (adj) Contrary to what intuition or common sense would indicate. **Erroneous** – (adj) containing error; incorrect.

Daunting – (adj) Seeming difficult to deal with or intimidating.

Dissident – (adj) disagreeing, as in belief or attitude.

Egregious – (adj) extraordinary in a negative or shocking manner.

Erudite – (adj) characterized by great knowledge; scholarly.

Feasible – (adj) capable of being accomplished.

Fervent – (adj) having or showing passion, zeal, or enthusiasm.

Futile – (adj) Incapable of producing any useful result; pointless.

Imperative—(adj) of vital importance; crucial.

Impetuous—(adj) acting or done quickly and without thought or care.

Intransigent – (adj) refusing to agree or compromise.

Irrefutable – (adj) something that cannot be disproved.

Obsolete – (adj) out of date.

Salient – (adj) significant or prominent.

Succinct – (adj) expressed in few words, to the point; concise.

Superfluous – (adj) being more than is sufficient or required; excessive.

Susceptible – (adj) likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing or person.

Ubiquitous – (adj) present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Unequivocal – (adj) clear; having only one possible meaning or interpretation.

Viable – (adj) capable of becoming useful, practical, or workable.

NOUNS

Amalgamation – (n) the act of combining, uniting, or merging (*amalgamate*—v).

Aversion – (n) a strong dislike or disinclination toward something.

Catalyst – (n) something that brings about change (*catalyze*—v).

Conjecture – (n) the expression of an opinion or theory without sufficient evidence.

Consensus – (n) majority of opinion; general agreement.

Contention – (n) a struggling together in opposition, rivalry, competition, or contest.

Disparity – (n) lack of similarity or equality; difference.

Epitome – (n) a perfect representation of (*epitomize*--v).

Fruition – (n) the point at which a plan or project is realized: *After years of hard work she finally saw her ideas reach fruition.*

Ideology—(n) the doctrine, myth, belief, etc. that guides an individual, social movement, institution, class, or large group.

Impasse – (n) a position or situation where no progress can be made.

Implication – (n) A conclusion that can be drawn from something, although it is not explicitly stated.

Paradigm – (n) an outstandingly clear or typical example.

Premise – (n) a proposition which supports or helps to support a claim or conclusion.

Propensity – (n) a natural inclination or tendency.

Ramifications – (n) consequences or implications.

SYNONYMS FOR A LOT/MANY

Nouns *Usage Note: nouns will be followed by the word “of”

Barrage--(n) the rapid and continuous delivery of spoken or written language.

Litany—(n) a tedious recital or repetitive series.

Plethora — (n) a large or excessive amount of something.

Adjectives

Copious—(adj) abundant in supply or quantity.

Myriad – (adj or n) a very great or indefinitely great number of persons or things.