

## The Final

You may prepare as much as you like for the in-class essay, which you will write during next week's final. You will turn in any outlines you use during the final along with your essay. You may (and are expected to!) bring your textbook with you for use as reference. You may use as much as the final period's 90 minutes as you like, but certainly no more than that.

The prompts we'll choose from are on page 163 of the textbook, but we have a few changes:

Write an essay on *one* of the following prompts. Keep it interesting and make sure to attribute your sources, both those you paraphrase and those you quote directly. As you respond to the following prompts, support your arguments and observations with references to at least **6** of the chapter's **15** items (Prose, Emerson, Alexie, Talbot, Baldwin, Mori, Collins, Cisneros, Nat. Endow. For the Arts, Mann, Bottstein, Gitlin, Broder, Norris, Rockwell).

1. Write an essay explaining whether you agree with Leon Botstein's critique of the American High School.
2. Using the texts in the chapter as well as your own insights into high school, identify one serious problem we/you face in/with high school and propose appropriate recommendations.
3. Same as in the book – don't blow this one off so quickly. Dewey's assertion that schools need to produce a citizenry that can *think* fits very nicely with at least Prose's thoughts on our producing a nation of non-readers (check out the end of Prose at least!), Collins poem, Botstein's idealistic desire of gutting school, Emerson's thoughts on democracy, and Mori, and etc., etc.
4. Same as in the book; by the way, *liberal arts* are the "academic disciplines, such as languages, literature, history, philosophy, mathematics, and science, that provide information of general cultural concern: *'The term liberal arts connotes a certain elevation above utilitarian concerns. Yet liberal education is intensely useful'* (George F. Will)" (answers.com).

## Break Work, Part I:

**Listen** to an episode of one of the following podcasts AND post a 90-100 (this is a STRICT word count) review/summation of the podcast on the blog for the rest of us to read. Please *provide a link* to the podcast so we can listen to your podcast if we wish.

- *This American Life*: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org> (only the radio, not the TV episodes)
- *To the Best of Our Knowledge*: <http://www.wpr.org/BOOK>

Besides being available on the archives section of their websites, both of the podcasts post many of their episodes on iTunes.

Note well: no two of my 60 AP students may read and post about the same podcast. All claims are first-come/first-served, and I will keep a running list of claims on the blog.

## Break Work, Part II:

Prepare flash cards for the following (look 'em up yourself) – your card should include a definition and an example (and catch up, if necessary, on the SAT words cards). Please expect a major vocab. test the week we return from break.

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Syllogism    | 10. Extended Metaphor          | 17. Begging the question | 26. Guilt by Association       |
| 2. Deduction    | 11. Archetype                  | 18. Homily               | 27. Non-sequitur               |
| 3. Induction    | 12. Aphorism                   | 19. Ambiguity            | 28. Post Hoc, Ergo Propter Hoc |
| 4. Allegory     | 13. Parable                    | 20. Tautology            | 29. Bandwagon fallacy          |
| 5. Sarcasm      | 14. Colloquial (colloquialism) | 21. Invective            | 30. Analogy                    |
| 6. Equivocation | 15. Parody                     | 22. Ad Misericordiam     | 31. Ad Hominem                 |
| 7. Didactic     | 16. Satire                     | 23. Red Herring          | 32. Paradox                    |
| 8. Euphemism    |                                | 24. Slippery Slope       |                                |
| 9. Foreshadow   |                                | 25. Straw Man            |                                |

## Break Work, Part III:

Read either a *New Yorker* article by Malcolm Gladwell or any of the articles listed below AND post a 90-100 (this is a STRICT word count) review/summation of the article on the blog for the rest of us to read. Please provide a link to the article so we can read your article if we wish. The Gladwell archive can be found here: <http://malcolmgladwell.com>.

Note well: no two of my AP students may read and post about the same article. All claims are first-come/first-served, and I will keep a running list of claims on the blog.

BTW: Gladwell writes about a variety of topics . . . a taste, just a taste:

December 17, 2001 A CRITIC AT LARGE Examined Life What Stanley H. Kaplan taught us about the SAT	September 10, 2001 THE SPORTING SCENE Drugstore Athlete To beat the competition, first you have to beat the drug test.	June 11, 2001 A REPORTER AT LARGE Wrong Turn How the fight to make America's highways safer went off course.	The Art of Failure Why some people choke and others panic.
November 26, 2001 ANNALS OF TECHNOLOGY Smaller The disposable diaper and the meaning of progress.	July 30, 2001 A CRITIC AT LARGE Java Man How caffeine created the modern world.	March 5, 2001 ANNALS OF EATING The Trouble with Fries Fast food is killing us. Can it be fixed?	May 29, 2000 DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES The New-Boy Network What do job interviews really tell us?
October 29, 2001 CONTAGIONS The Scourge You Know	July 2, 2001 ANNALS OF PUBLIC HEALTH The Mosquito Killer Millions of people owe their lives to Fred Soper. Why isn't he a hero?	October 30, 2000 ANNALS OF ENTERPRISE The Pitchman Ron Popeil and the conquest of the American kitchen.	April 24, 2000 LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES The Young Garmentos The T-shirt trade becomes a calling.
October 1, 2001 ANNALS OF AVIATION Safety in the Skies How far can airline safety go?		August 21 & 28, 2000 PERFORMANCE STUDIES	January 10, 2000 BOOKS Baby Steps Do our first three years of life determine how we'll turn out?

**You may borrow the following magazines from Murdock (get 'em soon!). I do not want to give these away, thus, I must insist on a \$5 FULLY REFUNDABLE deposit on my magazines (all of these articles are easily available online: <http://www.newyorker.com>; <http://www.theatlantic.com>).**

TITLE	MAGAZINE	DATE	PAGE #
1. Me Media: how hanging out on the internet became big business	The New Yorker	5-15-2006	50
2. The Unbeautiful Game: what's happening to football?	The New Yorker	1-8-2007	38
3. Offensive Play: how different are dog fighting and football?	The New Yorker	10-19-2009	50
4. How High Can You go?: the roller coaster's new golden age	The New Yorker	8-30-2004	49
5. Tall For Its Age: climbing a record breaking redwood	The New Yorker	10-9-2006	32
6. Game Master: Will Wright changed the concept of video games with the Sims. Can he do it again with Spore?	The New Yorker	11-6-2006	88
7. Soldiers and Spice: Why the Dutch traded Manhattan for a speck of rock in the South Pacific	The New Yorker	9-13-2001	60
8. By Meat Alone: the best Texas BBQ in the world	The New Yorker	11-24-2008	64
9. Spin Right and Shoot Left: the shot, the stop, the outlet pass will have taken as much as two seconds (Lacrosse)	The New Yorker	3-23-2009	54
10. The Last Tour: a decorated marine's war within	The New Yorker	9-29-2008	64
11. The Dessert Lab: a pastry chef's quest for the new	The New Yorker	6-26-2006	40
12. What the Dog Saw: Cesar Milan and the movements of mastery	The New Yorker	5-22-2006	48
13. Teen Spirit: the sophomore season of America's first soccer celebrity	The New Yorker	5-23-2005	48
14. The Soundtrack of Your life: Muzak in the realm of retail theater	The New Yorker	4-10-2006	66
15. Guinea-Pigging: healthy human subjects for drug-safety trials are in demand. But is it a living?	The New Yorker	1-7-2008	36
16. Walking Away: Tiki Barber, after the game	The New Yorker	1-29-2007	64
17. What's Normal?: the difficulty of diagnosing bipolar disorder in children	The New Yorker	4-9-2007	28
18. Flashing Lights: Lilly Allen's dance with fame	The New Yorker	3-9-2009	32
19. Spreading the Word: the new Scrabble mania	The New Yorker	1-19-2009	26
20. Special Treatment: the rise of luxury rehab.	The New Yorker	12-1-2008	40
21. Tales of the Tyrant: the private life and inner world of Saddam Hussein	The Atlantic	5-2002	35
22. Welcome to the Green Zone: the American bubble in Baghdad	The Atlantic	11-2004	60
23. Anarchy at Sea: the ocean remains defiantly beyond control – a realm of chaos and freedom and crime	The Atlantic	9-2003	50
24. American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center Pt. I	The Atlantic	7/8-2002	44
25. American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center Pt. II	The Atlantic	9-2002	46
26. American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center Pt. III	The Atlantic	10-2002	92

