

ELA Virtual Learning

AP Literature & Composition

May 8, 2020



AP Literature & Composition Lesson: Friday, May 8, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to explain the function of a significant event within a plot.



Success Starter: A change is coming

You will need a sheet of paper and a pen/pencil.

Write about a time when you knew something was about to change in your life: getting a new car, moving to a new house/apartment, starting at a new school...anything you can think of. What was the anticipation like before the "new thing" took place? How did it feel after the change was finalized? Reflect on this in your writing.



Relationships with textual evidence

Look over your writing from the Success Starter activity. Using the example (or examples) from your writing, generate a list of connections to any of the readings from these lessons of the past month (of course, you can also use literature from your AP Lit & Comp class throughout the year). Choose at least one literary character and compare your anticipation to change, experience during the process, and the aftermath of the change to that of your chosen character.

Create a list of questions that can help you more clearly/fully explain your connection between your experience and the textual evidence.



After making your textual connections, prepare for a practice writing scenario with a prose essay prompt.

Set aside some time to analyze and respond to this prompt.

Do the best you can! We understand that it is hard to find 45 minutes of time to quietly work on something like this.



Sample excerpt from a student essay response

"When she describes waking up the next morning, it's almost as if we can feel the sun on our face along with her. I thought it was interesting that she mentioned she had no idea that the sun could shine and it could be cold outside. Normally, we would just check the weather or decide on what clothes to wear for the day but she based her outfit off of the sun and ended up wearing a dress on a cold day. It was a whole new experience for her and ended up leaving her almost speechless."

Compose a complete essay (not just one paragraph). Make sure you follow all directions of the prompt!



Additional resources

AP Literature Prose Essay Writing Guidelines

AP Literature Blog for information about the exam