ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH
RESEARCH ESSAY

The research essay should follow these guidelines:

1. approximately 700-900 words over one poem (to be chosen by the student) by an American or British poet
2. at least 2 secondary sources and the primary source (the poem) cited
3. at least one of the secondary sources must not be online (must be a book or magazine)
4. at least 2 quotations (must be cited)
5. at least 2 paraphrases from a secondary source (must be cited)
6. all secondary sources must be turned in (see note below) with relevant information highlighted or otherwise indicated
7. works cited page
8. MLA format
9. topic—an analysis of how one or more literary devices of the poem are used to support the meaning
10. research about the poet’s life may be used for a paraphrased citation, but only if it affects the meaning of the poem
11. due April 28

Point break down (total points 100):

1. writing—50 points
2. formatting—5 points
3. use of sources—25 points
4. works cited page—15 points
5. copy of the poem—5 points

Important note:

ALL secondary source material used for the paper must be turned in at the time you turn in the paper. For example:

- Photocopied material (pages used and title page of book or cover of journal)
- Internet site information printed out

All information cited must be highlighted or otherwise indicated on the printouts.

Appropriate use of sources:

Students should adhere to the highest standards of writing ethics. Any plagiarism will result in zero credit on the assignment.

Poem choice:

The poem chosen should be of literary merit and should be appropriate for classroom discussion.