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There is only one application requirement for AP Literature and Composition 12--to craft an original essay inspired by one of the prompts below. This essay should be **two to three pages**, double-spaced. Your work must be authentic--no one writes it but you. The application process is paperless. Choose **one** of the prompts below and apply it to a novel or play you've read. Fine-tune your essay and when you are ready, submit it to the turnitin.com account set up exclusively for AP Literature and Composition 12. The **deadline is Wednesday, March 23rd (before midnight)**. No late application essays will be accepted. **Any level of plagiarism will cause your application essay to be declined--automatically.**

A. In *The Writing of Fiction* (1925), novelist Edith Wharton states the following:

At every stage in the progress of his tale the novelist must rely on what may be called *The illuminating incident* to reveal and emphasize the inner meaning of each situation. Illuminating incidents are the magic casements of fiction, its vistas on infinity.

Choose a novel or play that you have studied and write a well-organized essay in which you describe an "illuminating" episode or moment and explain how it functions as a "casement," a window that opens onto the meaning of the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.

~Or~

B. In a novel by William Styron, a father tells his son that life "is a search for justice."

Choose a character from a novel or play who responds in some significant way to justice or injustice. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze the character's understanding of justice, the degree to which the character's search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search for the work as a whole.

~Or~

C. "And, after all, our surroundings influence our lives and characters as much as fate, destiny or any supernatural agency." Pauline Hopkins, *Contending Forces*

Choose a novel or play in which cultural, physical, or geographical surroundings shape psychological or moral traits in a character. Then write a well-organized essay in which you analyze how surroundings affect this character and illuminate the meaning of the work as a whole.

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