

# **AP Essay Prompts for Choice Novel OR 'The Stranger'**

## **English IV, Carty**

### **Option A**

Some of the most important moments in a novel may be mental or psychological events. From your own reading, choose a novel that features such an event. Then, in a well-written essay, describe how this mental or psychological event illuminates the complexities of the character's psychology and how it contributes to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how your evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.

### **Option B**

Novels often feature romantic relationships in which at least one of the characters has unusual or conflicting feelings for the other. From your own reading, identify a novel that features one of these romantic relationships. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how these complex feelings contribute to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how your evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.

### **Option C**

The physical environment plays an important role in many novels. From your own reading, identify such a novel. Then, in a well written essay, analyze how this physical environment advances some of the complex issues of the text and how it contributes to an interpretation to the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how your evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.