

"TO REVISE & PERFECT" PROJECT Pre-AP

You have written more this year than ever, and you have written in many different styles (memoir, personal, fictional, etc...).



Your Challenge:

This project is your chance to choose the best idea (or ideas) you have had this year and make a final, professional writing product that will stand and say, **"This represents the best writing I can do as an 8th grader."**

Your Options:

- You can use any style of writing you like.
- You can mix and match different styles of writing that we have done throughout the year.
- Your writing piece can be a single idea or it can be different, smaller ideas put together. (No more than 3 different ideas, please.)

Expectations:

- Choose at least one idea or rough piece of writing from your journal and create your final product with that idea.
- Type the final product (**12-pt Times New Roman - 1" margins - black ink - single or 1.15 spaced**).
4- 6 pages.
- Write a guide that will include a short "test" and will provide example sentences that show you have mastered clauses, phrases, parts of speech, and types of sentences.

Length & Format (20 points)

For the 1st, 2nd, and 6th period Pre-AP classes, the writing should be *at least 4 pages, but no more than 6*.

- You will get a full 20 points for a 4-page paper using the proper font and margins.
- Points will be deducted for failure to meet the 4-page minimum, but not for overshooting the 6-page cap. (No extra points will be given for going over 6 pages.)
- Points will be deducted for using a different font, different margins, different spacing, or different ink color.

The Guide (30 points)

The guide will include evidence from your writing that you have used:

- Compound, Complex, and Simple sentences (including independent and dependent clauses) (at least one of each)
- Parts of speech (subject, object, adjective, adverb).
- Imperative, Interrogative, Declarative, and Exclamatory sentences (at least one of each).
- Phrases (adjective, adverb, prepositional, infinitive, appositive).

Simply copy/paste the sentences from your writing that show those things and mark them as we have in our practices.

The guide will also include a short "test" about your piece of writing in which you will write 2 "L1", 3 "L2", and 2 "L3", and one essay question.

Planning & Revising (20 points)

A full 20 points will go to the project that has evidence of pre-writing.

You will be graded on this in part during our work time before the project is due.

(i.e., If I do not see you working on this during class, you will not get many points for this part of the project.)

Conventions (20 points)

The better your spelling and grammar are, the more points you will get in this category.

Deadline (10 points)

To get the full 10 points for this category all you must do is turn it in on time.

(via e-mail by 4/14 or a hard copy in class by 4/15)

If you are prepared to procrastinate, be prepared to pay for your laziness.