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Dear New AP Student,

Well, it's hard to justify EXACTLY what AP Language is, but to me I assume it to be the growing ability of you as a student to better comprehend the English Language, and forms of how it is used and WHY it is used. You go into the in-depth reasoning as to why a writer chose a certain style, or why a writer chose to incorporate certain ideas, or logic in a piece of literature. AP Language also better illustrates your use of a widened variety of vocabulary, because I promise your vocabulary will expand further than you ever thought possible.

Honestly, it's hell, and I don't mean that in a way of "don't take the class" I'm just particularly talking about getting the feel of how an AP Literature class with Mrs. B runs. The 1st 9 weeks kicked my butt, because I didn't take the time to incorporate the tactics Mrs. B was trying to provoke me to use. I just sat back thinking I could breeze my way through it and it hit me like a rock. But once you're used Mrs. B and the way she teaches you (the best) the class will run smoothly and you'll soon figure out that she isn't bad at all; she is just an amazing teacher.

Procrastination. I promise you that you are about to get your share of procrastination in, and I am telling you from experience don't do it. It will honestly kill you in this class. I have just learned to be strong, and push through whatever you're doing, whether it is a late night Socratic circle question, or a Paper that is due the next day. Just push through it and FINISH it, because in the end Mrs. B isn't there to torture you, she is there as a tool for college, because the way in which she prepares you is unexplainable. She has made me into a confident speaking student, just having confidence to not be afraid to throw your opinion out there and tell people how you feel, because you don't come by that in many people. But Mrs. B will get it out of you. BE CONFIDENT!

Just do your work! If you get your work done, your grades will flourish in her class. Don't wait till the night before to finish stuff, just go 'head and start on it early because I know if your taking AP Lit with Mrs. B it is probably not your only AP class, and you will be piled high with work. So get your work done, and turn all your stuff in on time and you will be fine. You be so surprised at how you turn out at the end of the year. You'll be saying the exact same stuff that im telling you now to another student, because that's how Mrs. B's class is and that's how SHE is. She is the true definition of a TEACHER, and don't take that for granted because you don't find many TEACHERS in the system. But she is definitely one that you will remember and look back and say, Mrs. Buchanan was hands down the "Best teacher that I have ever had."

Sincerely,

Garrett Haskins

