**Writing Conference Preparation**

**AP Language/Literature & Composition**

**2015/2016**

Complete the steps below prior to attending a writer’s conference.

1. Re-read your essay.
2. Highlight the following:
   1. Evidence in yellow.
   2. Inferences/analysis in green.
   3. Thesis/synthesis/evaluation in pink.
3. Calculate your score on the Academic Writing Rubric/Bloom’s Taxonomy. Is this grade a fair assessment of your work? Why or why not?
4. Write down any questions you have regarding the text and your essay.
5. List the strengths of your essay.
6. List the weaknesses of your essay.

The Writer’s Conference is the most effective and efficient practice for growth and mastery of skills as a writer. Therefore, you must be fully prepared for the conference. If you are not fully prepared, we will not meet and I will ask you to complete the preparation prior to scheduling another conference.

Once you have finished the above do the following:

* List your strongest verbs
* List your strongest transitional phrases
* Rework your weakest paragraph by rewriting it on the back of the index card
* If you scored a 7, 8 or 9 write a brief comparison between this essay and a previous, lower scored essay. Your comparison must include what you did that was stronger. Imagine that a classmate asks you how you “got that score.”