Directions for AP Vocabulary Quizzes

· Study ten words per week to be quizzed on each Wednesday.

· Quizzes will be as follows: I will pronounce a word and you will spell it correctly, define it, and use it in a sentence with contextual clues that help define it further.

· You will also be expected to write sentences that follow certain sentence patterns or types. There are two reasons we do this:

-Learn to recognize syntactical patterns (for AP test)

-Improve personal style: by being able to use a variety of sentence types, you will improve your sentence fluency and ability to write emphatic prose.

· I suggest you know the part of speech; if the word functions equally as two parts of speech (a noun and a verb, for example) know the meanings for each.

· Defining words:

You may use synonyms to define, but you need at least three of them.

You must use a definition that makes sense to you.

Your definition should “match” the part of speech. For example if the word is din, a noun, the definition would not be “noisy,” which would be a definition for an adjective.

Instead write, a noise, a clamor. Use noun phrases to define nouns.

You may not define a word using the word.

· When you write your sentences, you may use various forms of the word: adjective, adverb, or any verb tense, provided you use the form correctly.

· The quizzes are worth 20 points each. One half point for spelling, one half point for the definition and one point for the sentence.

· You will lose a whole point for your sentence for the following reasons:

A comma splice, a fragment, a run on, a subject-verb agreement error, or any other serious grammatical error

You convert the word to a part of speech that is not correct; for example, you try to make a noun serve as a verb.

· You may lose ½ point per sentence for the following reasons:

You do not follow sentence pattern as indicated.

You do not provide sufficient context clues.

The sentence is awkward and difficult to understand.

The sentence makes no sense