

2016 AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Question 3

Suggested time—40 minutes.

(This question counts for one-third of the total essay section score.)

In 1891, Irish author Oscar Wilde (1854–1900) observed, “Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man’s original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion.”

Wilde claims that disobedience is a valuable human trait and that it promotes social progress. Write an essay that argues your position on the extent to which Wilde’s claims are valid. Use appropriate examples from your reading, experience, or observations to support your argument.

*This time around, your essay will be typed in MLA and completed from home. Essays will be assessed as processed final drafts rather than in class, timed drafts. For this reason, your writing should be well planned, developed, and error free. In addition, your writing should demonstrate your full potential as a student writer.

Required sources must include Malcolm Gladwell’s “Small Change: Why the Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted,” George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*, and at least one other personal experience and/or observation.

Essays will be submitted to www.turnitin.com by _____.

Hard copies of essays will be submitted in class on, or before _____.

Essay Map

by: _____

topic: _____

