

10th Grade AICE Summer Assignment

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Welcome to 10th Grade AICE English Language! To help prepare you for the course, you will complete the following summer writing assignment, which is due to me on the third day of school. It's my belief that a summer assignment keeps your mind fresh and gives me an opportunity to evaluate where you are when you begin the year.

- **Section A (Passage Commentary):** *Read the passage attached to this page. This passage is taken from a previous AICE exam. Write an essay, 600-800 words, that incorporates all of the questions below. The essay does not necessarily have to address the questions in the given order. This should be written as one continuous essay, not a question-and-answer format. Be sure to spell check and edit for typos. The assignment should be typed (double spaced, 12 pt, black Times New Roman font) and include your first and last name as well as the assignment title (10th Grade AICE Summer Assignment, Section A).*

1. Where was this passage taken from? What type of text is it? Where was it published?
2. What was the author's purpose in writing this passage (inform, entertain, persuade)? How do you know?
3. Who was the author's intended audience(s)? Be specific. Who would the information in this passage likely appeal to? Perhaps it's a certain age group, income level, gender, or any other demographic. Be sure to include evidence from the text to support your theory.
3. Comment on the author's word choice. What specific words in the passage help point you to the author's intended purpose and audience(s)? What effect would they likely have on the reader?
4. What details (descriptions, imagery) are included by the author to help point you to the author's intended purpose and audience(s)? What effect would they likely have on the reader?
5. What examples of figurative language do you see in the passage (metaphors, similies, alliteration, personification)? What specific effect do they have on the passage? Do they enhance the author's purpose, appeal to the intended audience? How so?
6. What was the overall tone of the piece? Example tone words are passionate, angry, critical (FYI: none of those would work for this passage) :)
7. Are there any places in the passage where the author's tone shifts? If so, indicate where and what evidence you discover.
8. For your conclusion, write a brief statement (1-2 sentences) where you evaluate the author. Do you think he was successful at fulfilling his purpose and appealing to the intended audience(s)?

- **Section B (Creative Writing):** *The same company posts a similar online advertisement for a different luxury apartment they run in your hometown. Skip a few lines after your essay and type a section (between 120-150 words) of this advertisement. Base your writing closely on the style and features in the original text. Your goal is to mimic the tone, purpose, and style of the passage....but for a different apartment, condo, hotel, etc. Label this "Section B." Your chosen location can be real or made up, but keep it believable. Please do not exceed the 120-150 word limit.*

Please remember that this assignment is the first impression I'll have of you as a student, so be sure to give it your 100%. If you have any questions about the assignment, you can e-mail me at the address above.

The following text is taken from an online advertisement for a luxury apartment called Pembroke in Cape Town, South Africa.

Set on the water's edge in the heart of Cape Town's acclaimed waterfront, Pembroke is the quintessence of luxury serviced accommodation for either business or holiday, rubbing shoulders with two of the world's leading hotels, The One and Only, and Cape Grace.

Within walking distance of a myriad of bistros, gourmet restaurants, popular and designer shopping, and an internationally renowned aquarium, Pembroke is an oasis to which you can retreat after sampling the city's busy delights.

Perched above the marina, relax and enjoy a languid drink at sunset, looking out over the water, or contemplate the majesty of Table Mountain after an invigorating day out and about. When only the very best will do for your Cape Town trip, why look any further?

Retail food outlets and fine dining establishments are within walking distance. For a special occasion, enlist a private chef for that indulgent gourmet meal. We can arrange tours of the Winelands, as well as trips to experience the exceptional regional flora and fauna (e.g. botanical gardens or whale-spotting). The Cape is also a hotspot for golf with many nearby courses. We will gladly organise airport transfers as well as assist with vehicle hire during your stay.

This luxury serviced apartment's bedroom suite, which comes with a plush extra length king bed and luxury linen, commands superb views across the marina to Cape Town's waterfront and the ocean beyond. There is an open-plan dressing room and en suite bathroom with separate wet room and power shower, a regal double bath enjoying views over the harbour, twin basins and bidet.

The bed is an extra length king-size, dressed with the finest linens with which to enjoy your marina bedroom choice of TV, film or music from the flat-screen TV and the surround-sound speakers' link to the apartment's integrated audio visual system, enhanced by mood lighting to orchestrate the ambience of the moment and all by remote control.

The suite enjoys vistas of Table Mountain and the cableway, Signal Hill and the Noon Day Gun (you'll hear its crack at twelve precisely), with The One and Only Hotel and its private villas huddled around the canal below. There are magnificent views of the green belt of Signal Hill from even the shower and bath. The terrace, too, invites you to step out and contemplate this panorama. On a balmy summer's evening, the play of light is remarkable.

Extra sleeping accommodation is available in the TV lounge with a pair of specially commissioned daybeds imported from Switzerland. By day, these form very smart and comfortable seating or lounging spaces, while, at night, they can convert into fully functional beds on sprung bases to

make a pair of twins or a king bed. This area is serviced by another bathroom with its own wet room and power shower.

The fully-equipped kitchen is ergonomic perfection. Built-in appliances, coupled with finger-touch drawers and cupboards, make it heaven for gastronomes. Stylish cobalt blue stone surfaces, punctuated with silver glints, add a dramatic signature to the kitchen's muted off-white and teal colour scheme. Aspiring chefs can communicate directly with their guests in the lounge and dining area, with a serving counter providing direct and practical access from the kitchen.

The glass dining table is another spectacular creation and provides generous seating for at least 8 people. The extremely comfortable dining chairs were specially made in a grey-blue leather to match the sofa in the lounge and to marry in with tall units in the kitchen. The lighting of the dining area was created for atmosphere to allow focused lighting on the table while reducing the light level throughout the rest of the open-plan space. All of this can be adjusted at the touch of a button on the remote control. We love to dine here having put together a lovely meal with a good bottle of wine from our cellar collection – also available to our guests. A few tea-lights in white porcelain holders add further to the atmosphere as does the wonderful sound of the music from the speakers. Looking towards the balcony from the table and through the sheer red chilli metallic drapes, the lights of the marina shine like stars. It really is so magical.