

# 10th Grade AICE Summer Writing 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 no later than 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. The following assignment is from an actual AICE exam, Paper 1. We will have many writing assignments just like this one throughout the year. The assignment should be typed (12pt, black, Times New Roman font) in a Google Doc and include your first and last name as well as the assignment title (10th Grade AICE Summer Assignment). Single or double spaced - that's your choice. Be sure to spell check and edit for typos. You can share your Google Doc with me at the email address above, or you can print your paper and submit it to me at school.

- **Section A:** Read the attached text (Page 2), which is taken from an online advertisement for a luxury condo called Pembroke in Capetown, South Africa. Imagine you have recently stayed at the condo during a vacation to Capetown. Write the text for a review of the apartment, which will be posted on the Real Deal holiday review website. Use **150–200** words. A review is written to give feedback (positive and negative) about someone's personal experience with a product, vacation, experience, etc. Feel free to look at other reviews online for vacation packages, excursions, etc. to help you write this. Carefully consider what tense, POV, and tone a review is typically written in.
- **Section B:** In **600-800** words, compare and contrast your review with the given advertisement - analyzing form, structure, and language. Use evidence from both texts to support your analysis. Below are explanations and questions that will help you write this essay. Essentially, you're being asked to describe the form, structure, and language of the original advertisement and then describe how they are similar/different to YOUR review. How/why are they written differently? Why did you make certain form, structure, and language choices with your review? How will these choices affect the audiences of these texts?

**FORM:** the type of text it is (ad, speech, article, journal entry, review, biography, etc.)

- What are the typical traits of that text? (Ex. A typical trait of an ad is a persuasive purpose; an autobiography has first person POV, a review is in past tense, a journal entry is very personal)
- Where do you see those traits present in the text?
- Purpose (Persuade/Inform/Entertain)? Opinion/Objective? Audience? Register (Formal/Informal)? Tense (Past/Present)? POV (First/Second/Third Person)? Direct/Indirect mode of address to audience?

**STRUCTURE:** how a text is organized *physically*

- Paragraphs (short vs. long)? Bullet points? Headings? Title? Is there a greeting? Dialogue? Quotes from experts or witnesses? Italics/bolded fonts?
- Chronological order? Description? Problem/Solution? Cause/Effect? Compare/Contrast?

**LANGUAGE:** language devices used with a text

- Diction (word choice), details, syntax (sentence structure), imagery, colloquialism (slang), puns, anecdotes (personal stories), rhetorical questions?
- Figurative Language: metaphors, similes, personification, hyperbole, idioms (common expressions)
- Sound devices: alliteration, repetition, rhyme, onomatopoeia?
- Tone? Mood? Setting (if fiction)?

*\*\*\* 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%. I don't expect these to be perfect (not yet!), but I do expect you to try your best and show me what you know. If you have any questions about the assignment, you can email me at the address above.*

***The following text is taken from an online advertisement for a luxury condo 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 organize 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 harbor, 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 color scheme.

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 gray-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 while the lights of the marina shine like stars. It really is magical.