

## The Stranger – In class essay

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### Purpose

You will write a well-crafted essay, answering **one** of the given prompts surrounding either justice or exile, based on your reading of *The Stranger*. **This writing will be done, in class, on the first day of class.** It should go without saying that appropriate formal essay structure, diction, and tone are a must.

The assignment is similar to the papers you have done in the past and mirrors the argumentation prompts given on the AP English Literature and Composition exam. This will test your ability to formulate and support a position based on your critical and analytical reading of the primary text in a clear and cohesive written format. This analysis must be grounded in specific and meaningful textual reference. Steer clear of simple plot summary; this is not your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade book report. A well-crafted essay will develop an argument, support that argument, and blend the proper balance of your written voice and command of the language, with the academic formality which a college-level paper requires. This essay will serve as your first major grade and is due at the end of the block on the first day of class.

### Prompts

Choose **ONE** of the following prompts to guide the direction of your essay.

- 2010 AP® English Literature and Composition Free Response Question 3

Palestinian American literary theorist and cultural critic Edward Said has written that Exile is strangely compelling to think about but terrible to experience. It is the unhealable rift forced between a human being and a native place, between the self and its true home: its essential s  
Yet Said has also said that exile can  
experience.

After reading *The Stranger*, select a character from the novel who experiences such a rift  
homeland, or other special place. Then write an essay in which you analyze how the  
nd enriching, and how this experience

- 2011 AP® English Literature and Composition Free Response Question 3

In a novel by William Styron, a father tells his son that life is a search for justice.

After reading *The Stranger*, choose a character from the novel who responds in some significant way to justice or injustice. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze the character's response, the degree to which the search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search for the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

### **Assignment Details**