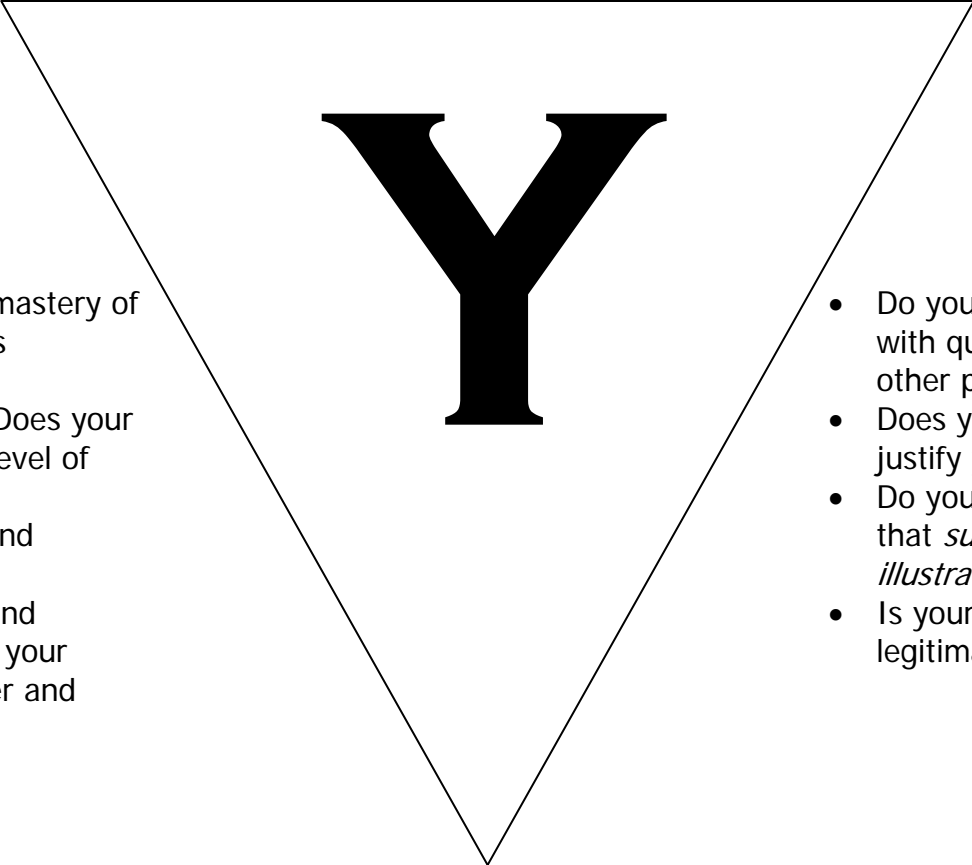


The keys to phenomenal AP essays – Y style

Insight

- How original is your thesis? How unique are your ideas?
- Is your thesis interesting? Does it offer a new outlook to the text and/or author's vision, or universal significance of the text?
- Are you just repeating what you heard in class or read online?
- Do you convey a thorough understanding of the text and topic?
- Are you perceptive to *detail*, from the text and in your analysis?
- Do you approach the essay with a persuasive vision?



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Fluency

- Do you possess significant mastery of the English language and its grammatical form?
- Do you write as a scholar? Does your vocabulary indicate a high-level of literacy?
- Do you write for a literary and scholarly reader?
- Does your diction, syntax, and structure accurately convey your argument in a fluent manner and style?

Evidence

- Do you adequately support your ideas with quotations from the text and/or other primary/secondary sources?
- Does your evidence fully prove and justify your analysis?
- Do you effectively choose quotations that *support* rather than merely *illustrate*?
- Is your secondary support from legitimate sources?