

AP English Literature and Composition Exam Survival Kit

<i>Everlasting Gobstoppers</i>	The candy may be everlasting, but the exam is not—no matter how it seems while you're taking the test.
Pencil	Bubble accurately. Mark multiple-choice passages and cross out answers you know are wrong. You receive no bonus points for a pristine test booklet.
Rock	You have a solid foundation of skills and knowledge. Transfer your worries to the rock.
<i>Nerds</i>	Embrace your inner nerd! Consider the exam as an opportunity to show how literarily educated you have become this year.
<i>Big Red Gum</i>	Analyze and write with fire. Infuse your essays with passion and personal flavor.
Pen	Write with confidence! State your ideas clearly and support them thoroughly.
<i>SweeTarts</i>	Look for the opposition and contrasting elements in every passage. Remember that the AP Exam committee always selects literature that possesses complexity.
<i>Play-Doh</i>	Shape each essay into a unified and focused whole that shows your unique flare and expresses a clear central idea.
Marbles	No matter how stressful the exam is, don't lose your marbles!

<i>Blue's Clues</i>	Discover meaning by using all the clues in the poems, prose passages, free-response prompts, multiple-choice questions, and footnotes.
<i>Bob the Builder</i>	Build a strong essay by planning ahead. Spend the first ten-fifteen minutes carefully analyzing passages and developing a blueprint—including a thesis that addresses theme.
<i>Big-Eyed Animals</i>	Use your eyes! Scrutinize each literary passage.
<i>Care Bears</i>	Write with care—use precise vocabulary and literary terminology.
<i>Dora the Explorer</i>	Explore each passage in depth. Mark the passages so that they can serve as maps for your answers.