

Pre-AP Warm-Ups. 3/23 – 3/27, 2009

**Monday, March 23, 2009**

Copy & imitate the model sentences, using your own content but the same structure as sentence parts in the model. Imitate one sentence part at a time. Aim for approximating, not duplicating, the model.

1. Model. Great was his care of them.

- Jack London, All Gold Canyon

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

Copy and imitate the model sentence, using your own content but the same structure as sentence parts in the model. Imitate one sentence part at a time. Aim for approximating, not duplicating, the model.

Model. The big thing, exciting yet frightening, was to talk to her, say what he hoped to do.

- Bernard Malamud, The Assistant

Sample Imitation. *An acceptable solution, simple and obvious, is to talk with the manager, emphasize what the workers want to request.*

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

Imitate the model sentences, using your own content but the same structure as sentence parts in the model. Imitate one sentence part at a time. Aim for approximating, not duplicating, the model.

Model. He had never been hungrier, and he filled his mouth with wine, faintly tarry-tasting from the leather bag, and swallowed.

- Ernest Hemingway, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

Sample Imitation. The horse had never been nastier, and it threw its riders to the ground, cold and hard from the frost, and bolted.

### **Thursday, March 26, 2009**

Imitate the model sentences, using your own content but the same structure as sentence parts in the model. Imitate one sentence part at a time. Aim for approximating, not duplicating, the model.

Model. Soon afterwards they retired, Mama in her big oak bed on one side of the room, Emilio and Rosy in their boxes full of straw and sheepskins on the other side of the room.

- John Steinbeck, *Flight*

Sample Imitation. Much later the accountant finished, computer disks in their neat boxes on the right side of the desk, pencils and pens in their containers decorated with seals and designs on the shelf above the desk.

### **Friday, March 27, 2009**

Imitate the model sentences, using your own content but the same structure as sentence parts in the model. Imitate one sentence part at a time. Aim for approximating, not duplicating, the model.

Model. On stormy nights, when the tide was out, the bay of Fougere, fifty feet below the house, resembled an immense black pit, from which arose mutterings and sighs as if the sands down there had been alive and complaining.

- Joseph Conrad

Sample Imitation. During rush-hour traffic, when his nerves were frazzled, Brent Hammond, a few miles above the speed limit, hit his brakes, from which came sharp peals and leaden grindings as though the metal were alive and hurting.