

# 2020

## Zombie Apocalypse

### AP English Language and Composition

**Suggested Reading Time: 55 minutes**

**Suggested Writing Time: 40 minutes**

Earlier large-scale public health scares, such as the SARS crisis in 2003, the potentially deadly and disruptive H5N1 (bird flu) in 2006, and the H1N1 flu viruses in 2009, have focused government and public attention on being prepared for a dangerous pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic declared in March 2020 has tested our preparedness (or, lack thereof) once again.

Recently, rumors have reached Washington of a deadly, virulent, and unstoppable virus that turns its victims into zombies – inhuman monsters that unthinkingly kill any living being in their paths. Scientists do not yet know how the virus is spread, nor is there a cure or a vaccine.

Carefully read the fourteen sources, including the introductory information for each source. Then synthesize information from at least four of these sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-developed essay that identifies the key issues associated with preparation for the coming zombie apocalypse, and examines their implications for the survival of you and your loved ones.

Make sure that your argument is central; use the sources to illustrate and support your reasoning. Avoid merely summarizing the sources. Indicate clearly which sources you are drawing from, whether through direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary. You may cite the sources as Source A, Source B, etc., or by using the descriptions in parentheses.

Source A (Lam & Lee)

Source B (Ganshorn)

Source C (Landau)

Source D (Murray)

Source E (Thompson)

Source F (Guest Blog)

Source G (CDC Guidelines)

Source H (Trust)

Source I (Austen)

Source J (Mayans)

Source K (Road Sign)

Source L (Zombie Research)

Source M (NCIRD)

Source N (Khan)

**Source A**

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