

**2005 AP<sup>®</sup> ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION**  
**FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**Question 2**

(Suggested time — 40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

Printed below is the complete text of a short story written in 1946 by Katharine Brush. Read the story carefully. Then write an essay in which you show how the author uses literary devices to achieve her purpose.

Unfortunately, we have been denied permission to  
reproduce “Birthday Party” by Katharine Brush  
on this Web site.

The short story was originally published in  
*The New Yorker*.