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Dear English Teachers and School Principals,

For over 30 years The English Teachers Association of Western Australia has been producing the Good Answers publications for Year 12 students. The publications provide revision strategies and writing advice, using student responses from the WACE examination. In response to requests from our members we are now working to produce a Year 11 publication that also will also use student examination responses. To achieve this we need your assistance to obtain student samples and we are asking schools who use the ETAWA Year 11 ATAR English examination for 'good' responses to use as exemplars for the guide.

We are seeking 'good' examples of student responses. We characterise these as responses that have particular merit, such as:

- addressing the entire question
- providing thorough analysis of studied texts
- creating interesting and complex narratives or arguments
- writing with clarity and control

We are not looking for samples from top students. We want to be able to annotate the answer within the publication to show what is being done well and how the response can be improved. We are seeking responses from which average students feel they can learn, rather than responses they feel are beyond their capabilities.

We hope that the Year 11 ATAR English teachers in your school are willing to be involved in selecting such responses for this important publication. Teachers are invited to select whole examination scripts, individual answers or parts of answers that would make an illustration of a 'good' response.

We have provided a student/guardian consent form for selected students, which should also be signed by the school principal or their representative. This signed form, along with a copy of the student response, can be emailed to us at publications@etawa.org.au or posted to the address below. We will provide students who are selected with a certificate recognising their work and contribution.

We are very grateful for your collaboration and hope that the teachers and students of the school find the publication a useful resource.

Yours sincerely,



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President