

**AP Lit. – Farris**  
**Words of Wisdom – Essay Openers**

*Authors leave us more than their words – they leave us a way of looking at life.*  
Frank Briguglio, Teacher

*A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.*  
Robert Frost

*Poetry is a clarification of life.*  
Robert Frost

*...the problems of the human heart in conflict with itself... make good writing...*  
William Faulkner

*Life is just a mirror, and what you see out there, you must first see inside of you.*  
Wally 'Famous' Amos (1936 - )

*The unexamined life is not worth living for man.*  
Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)

*Life is a long lesson in humility.*  
James M. Barrie (1860 - 1937)

*Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.*  
John Lennon (1940 - 1980)

*I have discovered that all human evil comes from this, man's being unable to sit still in a room.*  
Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662)

*To deny our own impulses is to deny the very thing that makes us human.*  
Andy and Larry Wachowski, *The Matrix*, 1999

*Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.*  
Mark Twain (1835 - 1910), *Following the Equator* (1897)

*I think that God, in creating Man, somewhat overestimated his ability.*  
Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

*The longest journey is the journey inward.*  
Dag Hammarskjöld (1905 - 1961)

*What is wonderful about great literature is that it transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote.*  
E. M. Forster

*Every man's work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself.*  
Samuel Butler