***The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde**

**AP Literature Questions**

**Directions**: Answer each of the following questions thoroughly using examples from the play. Each response should have a clear thesis statement and thoughtful remarks that delve beneath the surface. I don’t want merely a summary of the play; I want real reflection on argument through satire. Each response should be a comprehensive paragraph (6-8 sentences). **Due on April 21, 2016.**

1. Which satirical devices does Oscar Wilde use in this play, and for what purpose? Discuss at least two of the satirical devices that we went over in class (power point available on website under assignments).
2. Evaluate the concept of earnestness according to the play. What role does it play (or not) in society?
3. What arguments does Oscar Wilde make about humans and/or human nature in the play? How do you know?