

## AP English Language and Composition

### Summer Reading and Writing Assignments

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Welcome to AP Language and Composition. The AP English Language course emphasizes a mix of politics, history, social sciences, current events and non-fiction prose. This class is different from most English classes you have taken before; it will require you to analyze writing, develop sound reasoning and argumentation, and examine the power of language. Success in AP English Language and Composition will require careful and critical reading, constant writing and serious dedication. The summer assignments offer you a chance to create a database of information you will use throughout the year.

#### Web assignment:

You need to create an account on Edmodo. Go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com). If you have not signed up for an Edmodo account, then you need to create one. The course code is 0v01bt. There will be assignments posted on there throughout the summer and you will post your summer assignments on Edmodo. If you have an issue and do not have access to a computer, please make sure you notify me ASAP. I will also post the supplies you will need for next year.

#### Reading Assignments:

There will be two reading assignments this summer. One will be a piece of fiction and the other will be a non-fiction work.

#### Assignment A:

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

You may purchase this at Barnes and Noble or check it out of the library. Some of the books may be downloaded for free on some phone applications.

For this assignment, you will create a dialectical journal. Please see the attachment for this assignment. This assignment will also be posted on the Wilby High School website as well as on Edmodo. You will post your work on Edmodo on or before **the first day of school**. If there is an issue posting to Edmodo, then you may e-mail it to me.

## Assignment B:

Read:

**Thank you for Arguing** by: Jay Heinrichs

1. As you read ***Thank You For Arguing***, annotate the book for new information about creating an argument. **You are expected to purchase this book.** We will refer to this book throughout the entire year. Be prepared for a class discussion on this book

2. For each section of the book -- **Offense, Defense, Advanced Offense, and Advanced Agreement** -- record three quotations from which you gain some new insight about argument. Be sure to use textual citations. Then explain the insight you gain from the recorded quotation. {You should have a total of 12 quotations

3. Format:

# of entry /Section of the book	Quote	Insight
1. Offense	" the quote you gain insight about argument"	Explain why you found this insightful.

You will post this on Edmodo on or before the first day of school. The assignment will be there to access in case you forget the assignment. You can create this assignment in word and then paste it to Edmodo.

### Additional Suggestions:

This class will rely heavily on the world around you, so it would be beneficial to begin reading, viewing or listening to news sources. Watch the news and read a newspaper

Invest in some type of vocabulary study guide. One major complaint of past students is that they do not understand a lot of the vocabulary. While this is AP, we suggest that you invest in an SAT vocabulary guide. It would also be helpful to learn root words, prefixes and suffixes!

**My history in AP has shown that those who choose not to complete the summer assignments struggle all year long! DON'T LET THIS BE YOU! Make sure you make a great first impression and have your work ready for the first day. Unlike other classes that spend time getting to know you the first week, we will jump right in on the first day!!!**

