

**Advanced Placement English Language and Composition**  
Summer Reading and Text Book Information

Dear Students:

The course that you will be taking next fall is an Advanced Placement class that focuses upon the close reading of various texts. You will study the language, style, composition, and rhetoric of various authors and speakers. In addition, this class concentrates on formal writing and critical reading and thinking strategies. Here is your summer reading assignment and class supply list:

**Assigned Book – *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs (3rd edition)**

Borrowing this book from the public library, purchasing a used copy, downloading an e-book, or purchasing a new book are all acceptable ways to read the book. Please confirm you have the correct edition by searching for this **ISBN 978-0-8041-8993-4**

**Assignment:**

1. Read the book (begin with chapter 2) closely
2. In Appendix 1, complete these exercises:
  - a. Practice the Habit / Other Hand Exercise (p. 377)
  - b. Play Games / Even Better Game (p. 415)
3. Type a one-page reflection for each of these exercises. You are typing two total pages. Include what you completed, when you completed it, your results, and your reflection on the exercise. MLA format. Need a refresher? (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu>)

The project is due on the **first English class regardless of attendance**. Bring your book to class on that day. Please direct any questions you have over the summer to me via a professionally formatted email message: [coddingtona@leb.k12.in.us](mailto:coddingtona@leb.k12.in.us). I will check my email weekly, so expect some wait time for a response. Please do not wait until the last minute to begin your project.

**Class Supplies: Have by first day of class**

- Three-ring binder or folder dedicated to AP Language & Composition
- Loose-leaf notepaper – college ruled
- Pens (blue or black), pencils, highlighters
- ***The Language of Composition* textbook (3rd edition)** ISBN: 978-1319056148
  - Again, double check this to ensure you have the correct edition
  - May be purchased through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, [bedfordstmartins.com](http://bedfordstmartins.com), and other retail/online outlets. Feel free to check with previous students. If purchasing the text is financially impossible, please contact me as soon as possible for help.
  - Note: If you rent this text book (Chegg / Amazon), be sure you can rent it for August – May and not just a single semester.

Enjoy your summer and your summer reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Coddington