

AP Language and Composition

2019 Summer Assignment

Welcome to **Advanced Placement Language and Composition**. As you know, this is a college-level reading, writing, and speaking course in which you will be expected to do college-level work. You will analyze the stylistic and rhetorical structure of non-fiction works. You will also learn to write persuasively with precision and clarity. Part of any AP class includes required summer work. This work is meant to prepare you for the upcoming year. This work will help you to become familiar with the work you will be doing throughout the school year, the language you will be using, and the test you will be taking. For AP Language and Composition, you are expected to read many different essays written by many different authors about dozens of different subjects.

Assignment 1 (Required):

Read any 3 essays from **50 Essays: A Portable Anthology (Any Edition)**. After reading each essay, write a one paragraph response in which you (1) provide an overview of the subject of each essay. In addition, (2) identify the author and (3) what that author's possible purpose was for writing the essay. Lastly, (4) evaluate whether or not you think the author was successful in achieving that purpose. (5) Explain why.

Each response needs to be *hand written* on lined paper using blue or black ink. Put each response on its own sheet of paper. Each response should be between 175 – 250 words. Do not go over this. Learn to express yourself effectively and efficiently.

Each response is worth 20 points. These are all due on the first day of class.

Assignment 2 (Suggested):

Read at least 5 opinion articles from the N.Y. Times each week.

Assignment 3 (Required):

Complete the multiple choice test I will provide you. The test will NOT be graded. I just want you to take it so you will know the level of reading competency you will need to acquire in order to pass the tests during the course and on your AP testing day.

Assignment 4 (Required):

Come to the first class with a typed and printed college essay draft. Be sure to bring in the prompt. We will edit and rewrite these into a final, graded essay. Just having your printed draft on the first day will earn you 25 points.

Assignment 5 (Required):

Read the novel **The Prince of Tides** by Pat Conroy. Be prepared to take a test on the plot, characters, and themes of this novel. More importantly, be prepared to thoroughly discuss this novel in class in a graded activity.