

AP Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2018

The AP Language and Composition course differs from English classes you may have taken before. You will analyze writing and learn to develop sound reasoning and argumentation in your own writing. While we will read some novels, most of the reading will be nonfiction. In order to prepare for the AP course, you will need to complete the following assignments over the summer. This work is due the first day of class.

Part 1: Read and Annotate

Buy a **print copy** of the book *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. Read it and annotate the book as you read. Annotations should respond to the text in a meaningful way, with comments, questions, ideas written in the margins, definitions, or anything else of note. There's no need to go overboard, I just want to see consistent, insightful annotations.

Assessment: When we return to school in the fall, you will have a writing assignment based on the book. I will also check the print copy of your book and *briefly* review your annotations on the first day of school.

Part 2: News Logs

Choose one of your vacation weeks (Sunday to Sunday) to read the news. Each day, pick an article to read; the articles can be on any topic, but throughout the week, choose a variety of topics (sports, entertainment, politics, business, technology, opinion, etc). Make a chart like my example below (but with a row for each day/article), and complete it as you read your articles each day. It should be typed and printed and turned in on the first day of school.

**Headline,
author's name,
date, news source**

Summary of the article

Personal reflection

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"A 4-Minute Surgery That Can Give Sight To The Blind" JASON BEAUBIEN February 22, 2018 NPR	The Himalayan Cataract Project is performing mass surgeries for cataracts in Eastern Ethiopia. The surgery, inexpensive and fast, can have life-changing outcomes for the blind patients.	This article was really interesting, and reminded me of a moving scene in the documentary <i>Planet Earth: Humans</i> . It showed a doctor performing similar mass surgeries in Nepal. It makes me hopeful about humanity: the affordability of this technology is creating better lives for people around the world, and these individual doctors are devoting their lives to helping others.

Here are some online news sources to check out. Stick to these reputable sources:

San Francisco Chronicle www.sfgate.com

Los Angeles Times www.latimes.com

Washington Post www.washingtonpost.com

New York Times www.nytimes.com

National Public Radio www.npr.org

The Wall Street Journal www.online.wsj.com

The Guardian www.theguardian.com/world

The Science Christian Monitor www.csmonitor.com

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Al Jazeera www.aljazeera.com

Part 3: AP Glossary Terms

Create a glossary of the essential terms in the list below. For each word, write the definition and an example. Type and print by the first day of class.

Assessment: I will check this glossary on the first day of class, but ultimately it will be a resource for you to use throughout the year. You will have a quiz on the glossary terms in the first quarter.

AP Glossary Terms

1. allegory	26. juxtaposition
2. alliteration	27. logos
3. allusion	28. metaphor
4. anadiplosis	29. metonymy
5. analogy	30. onomatopoeia
6. anaphora	31. oxymoron
7. antithesis	32. paradox
8. archetype	33. parallel structure/parallelism
9. assonance	34. parody
10. asyndeton	35. pathos
11. cliché	36. persona
12. colloquialism	37. personification
13. connotation	38. point of view
14. denotation	39. polysyndeton
15. diction	40. pseudonym
16. epistrophe	41. rhetoric
17. epithet	42. rhetorical question
18. ethos	43. sarcasm
19. euphemism	44. satire
20. flashback	45. simile
21. hyperbole	46. slang
22. idiom	47. stereotype
23. imagery	48. synecdoche
24. irony	49. syntax
25. jargon	50. tone
	51. understatement