

Summer Reading: Entering AP Language 2023

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Your summer assignment has a reading component and a writing component that you should complete concurrently.

Part 1: Read

1. You will read one book this summer. Make sure to read closely and carefully! **You will be required to discuss your book in class and write an analytical essay on the book during the first few days of class.** You may select from the following options:

- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot
- *In Cold Blood*, by Truman Capote
- *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand

2. Fill out a close-reading sheet on the book found on your teacher's Google Classroom. This should be thorough and thoughtful. This must be typed and you should fill it out **after** finishing the book. It will help you to take notes as you read, so peruse the sheet prior to reading to determine what to focus on when reading. Please note that this will also be submitted to turnitin.com at the start of the school year.

Part 2: Write

Your second assignment for this summer is to spend time journaling. This will be a personal journal where you can practice writing freely and explore your own thoughts and ideas. This journal will be typed on a google doc and will also be submitted to turnitin.com (all of it must be your OWN original writing). Our expectation is that you completely fill **at least TEN DOUBLE SPACED pages using Times New Roman, 12pt font, 1 in margins.**

A personal journal doesn't have to be a day-to-day account of things that happen to you. Writers keep journals in order to capture fleeting thoughts and ideas, remember observations, save memorabilia, and practice writing. Your journal can do any and all of these things--it's up to you. With that in mind, here are some ideas for journaling that might help you get started:

- Write about a childhood memory, or your earliest memories. Describe them in detail.
- Mimic an author's writing style.
- Write about an experience from two different perspectives.
- Write about a movie or a book you love/dislike and why you love/dislike it.
- Write about your pets.
- Write about your hobbies or something you are passionate about.
- Paste a significant photo into your journal and describe why it's important to you. Write a list of questions. Or write a list of anything.
- Write about a favorite teacher or someone you look up to.
- Try using rich, descriptive language to capture your surroundings.
- Provide an overview of something that you did this summer.
- Write about your favorite food, favorite outfit, favorite shoes, favorite season, favorite...
- Write original poetry or song lyrics.
- Write quotes from books, poems, or songs that you love. Why do you love them?
- Describe your parents, siblings, or cousins.
- Write a letter to your childhood self or your future self.
- Record an overheard conversation.
- Respond to a current event or news story that's important to you.
- Write about what you would change about the world, society, your community, etc.
- Write about an important learning experience you've had in the past.
- Describe a place that is important to you or a memorable place you visited.