AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION
SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

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ASSIGNMENT ONE
READ A NON-FICTION BOOK

Pick ANY grade level appropriate non-fiction book to read for the summer. On the back of this paper is a list of non-fiction books recommended by students who have previously taken AP Language and Composition. You must bring in evidence of your reading. This can come in any form: notes, an art piece, PowerPoint Presentation, a website, etc. Your evidence of reading must contain: an opinion of the book, a short summary, and connections you made to other parts of your life (personal, movies, other books, current events, etc.). An example of evidence of reading and assessment criteria is available on Google Classroom.

ASSIGNMENT TWO
READ THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS OF The Language of Composition by Renee Shea, Lawrence Scanlon, and Robin Aufses

These chapters introduce you to the basics of rhetoric. You can find a copy of the chapters in google classroom. While you are reading the chapters you need to take notes. Note taking helps you organize your ideas more effectively and remember more of what you read. Use the triple diary entry approach- see example to the right. You must have at least 20 entries. A blank triple diary entry and assessment criteria is on google classroom.
Recommended Non-Fiction Books by Previous AP Language Students:

- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
- The Pact by Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt, and George Jenkins
- My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor
- Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
- Enrique’s Journey by Sonia Nazario
- Apollo 13 by James Lovell and Jeffrey Kulger
- Girl Interrupted by Susanna Kaysen
- IraqiGirl: Diary of a Teenage Girl in Iraq by IraqiGirl
- Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
- March by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- Bomb by Steve Skeinkin
- The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
- This I Believe Series
- A Kim Jong-Il Production by Paul Fischer
- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
- The Simpsons by Matt Groening and Ray Richmond
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Outliers by Malcom Gladwell
- Laughing at My Nightmare by Shane Burcaw
- Quiet by Susan Cain
- MindGym by Gary Mack and David Casstevens
- Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson

Books can be checked out through:

- Rockville High School’s Media Center - http://rockvillehs.montgomeryschoolsmd.libguides.com/mediacenter