

AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment

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Welcome to AP English Language and Composition! I'm very excited for our class next year. AP Lang is unlike any English class you have ever taken in that it focuses on nonfiction text and rhetoric - the choices a writer makes to deliver a message successfully. AP Lang is about being critical thinkers and writers, and being aware of the world around us. With that in mind, your summer assignment is asking you to engage with current events.

I encourage you to interact with the news daily: not only for this class, but for the benefits it provides in making you a well-rounded and well-informed citizen! Below are some of my favorite quick ways to access news that you can easily do on the go throughout your summer:

<p>CNN 10 10 minute daily video + special interest stories Available at cnn.com/cnn10</p> 	<p>The Flip Side One story explained using sources from both sides of the political spectrum - Available online/Apple podcast app</p> 
<p>NPR's Up First 10 minute news podcast Available at npr.org or via most podcast apps</p> 	<p>The New York Times Morning Briefing Collection of the daily news Available online or via email</p> 

ASSIGNMENT #1: Current Event Analysis

This assignment will be due on the following dates: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, and August 2 at 11:59 P.M. Failure to submit by ANY of the dates will result in removal from the AP course.

Every two weeks, you will be required to choose an article about ANY current event topic, as long as the article has been published within the last two weeks. You may choose any news source, as long as it is a credible news network OR newspaper (CNN, Fox, The New York Times, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, etc.). If you choose to interact with one of the recommended news sources above, it should be very easy for you to choose a topic every few weeks that interests you. This assignment can be done with opinion pieces or normal articles because remember - EVERYTHING is an argument!

On Google Classroom, you will find a template posted with four questions. Answer the questions for your article and Turn In by the due date. You can, of course, **submit earlier** if you will be on vacation or gone to camp for sports! I will provide feedback as needed to help you improve before your next submission. These 5 submissions together will be a test grade when we start school. Your goal should be to improve your analysis of nonfiction text while learning more about the world around you. **A large portion of the AP exam requires you to analyze the choices and author made and the impact those choices have on the audience, so doing this assignment well will be of immeasurable value to you throughout the year!**

Assignment #2: Rhetorical Devices/Terms

Familiarize yourself with the list of AP terms that you will reference throughout the year, which can be found on this Quizlet link: <https://quizlet.com/306601588/ap-lang-rhetorical-devices-flash-cards/>
These terms have also been posted on our Google Classroom for your convenience. We will take a quiz over these terms on Friday, August 13th.