

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

On the back of this page are listed many authors recommended by the College Board for AP Language and Composition. The list is divided into seven categories. To fulfill the requirements of this summer assignment, you must thoughtfully complete the following tasks and turn in all written work to **THE HUB (box provided)**, by **2:00PM on FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**. Student work that does not meet all of the requirements described below will not be considered complete. Late or incomplete work will be subject to a *severe* grade reduction. The summer assignment will have a significant impact on the first quarter grade. Completion of the summer assignment is a prerequisite for a passing grade in the course. Failure to complete the summer assignment will NOT be allowed as a reason to drop this course. Further, there will be no switching from one AP English class to the other. Please be aware of schedule change policies stated in your agenda book.

1. Select two authors from each of the seven categories and read *at least 5* pages (excerpts are fine) by each of the authors you have chosen. Please read item #3 (below) as it does require that at least one of the works you choose is at least 200 pages in its entirety.
 - a. You do not need to purchase any of these works.
 - b. Do not read the same author twice, even if the author appears in more than one category.
2. Respond to each reading in a **typed** paragraph.
 - a. This is to be a personal response, *not a summary of the excerpt*.
 - b. Your response must reflect thoughts and sentiments about what you have read and must include references to both the content and style of the work.
 - c. You will be referring back to these responses during the year. The better they are, the more useful they will become to you later. Consider time spent on these as an investment, your own academic stimulus package.
 - d. Each paragraph should be on a separate page that includes the following information as a heading.
 - i. Your name
 - ii. Category
 - iii. Complete and accurate bibliography (MLA format) of the work
3. Select one of these texts and read it in its entirety (200 page minimum).
4. Prepare to introduce this text (#3) to the class within the first week of school.
 - a. Your 10 minute presentation must include . . .
 - i. a brief summary of the work, including relevant background information on the author and any relevant historical context for the work.
 - ii. a discussion of the author's purpose for writing the work
 - iii. a discussion of the author's tone within the work
 - iv. a discussion of the author's diction within the work
 - b. Create a powerpoint that enhances you presentation. In order to receive any credit for the powerpoint, you must be e-mail (quades@mcsoh.org) the powerpoint to me as an attachment by Friday, August 14.
 - c. You must come to class prepared to present each day from the first day of class until you are called upon to present. We will start with volunteers.

AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION SUMMER AUTHOR LIST by category (list borrowed from APCentral.com)

Autobiographers and Diarists

Melba Patillo Beals, James Boswell, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Jill Ker Conway, Thomas De Quincey, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Franklin, Stephanie Elizondo Griest, Elva Trevino Hart, Harriet Jacobs (Linda Brent), Helen Keller, Maxine Hong Kingston, T. E. Lawrence, Frank McCourt, Samuel Pepys, Richard Rodriguez, Richard Wright, Malcolm X, Anzia Yezierska

Biographers and History Writers

Lerone Bennett Jr., James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, Winston Churchill, Vine Deloria Jr., Leon Edel, Richard Ellmann, Niall Ferguson, Shelby Foote, John Hope Franklin, Antonia Fraser, Edward Gibbon, Richard Holmes, Gerda Lerner, Thomas Macaulay, Francis Parkman, Arnold Rampersad, Simon Schama, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Ronald Takaki, George Trevelyan, Barbara Tuchman, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Critics

Paula Gunn Allen, Gloria Anzaldua, Michael Arlen, Matthew Arnold, Sven Birkerts, Susan Bordo, Judith Butler, Kenneth Clark, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Arlene Croce, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Louis Gates Jr., William Hazlitt, Christopher Hitchens, bell hooks, Samuel Johnson, Pauline Kael, Joyce Carol Oates, Walter Pater, John Ruskin, Edward Said, George Santayana, George Bernard Shaw, Susan Sontag, Cornel West, Oscar Wilde, Edmund Wilson

Essayists and Fiction Writers

Joseph Addison, James Agee, Margaret Atwood, Francis Bacon, James Baldwin, G. K. Chesterton, Joan Didion, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Paul Fussell, Mavis Gallant, Nadine Gordimer, Elizabeth Hardwick, Edward Hoagland, Zora Neale Hurston, Barbara Kingsolver, Jamaica Kincaid, Charles Lamb, Philip Lopate, Norman Mailer, Nancy Mairs, Mary McCarthy, N. Scott Momaday, Michel de Montaigne, V. S. Naipaul, Geoffrey Nunberg, Tillie Olsen, George Orwell, Cynthia Ozick, Francine Prose, Ishmael Reed, Adrienne Rich, Mordecai Richler, Sharman Apt Russell, Scott Russell Sanders, David Sedaris, Richard Selzer, Leslie Marmon Silko, Richard Steele, Shelby Steele, Henry David Thoreau, John Updike, Alice Walker, Eudora Welty, E. B. White, Terry Tempest Williams, Virginia Woolf

Journalists

Roger Angell, Dave Barry, David Brooks, Maureen Dowd, Elizabeth Drew, Nora Ephron, M. F. K. Fisher, Frances Fitzgerald, Janet Flanner (Genêt), Thomas L. Friedman, Ellen Goodman, David Halberstam, John Hersey, Paul Krugman, Alex Kuczynski, Andy Logan, John McPhee, H. L. Mencken, Jessica Mitford, Jan Morris, Donald M. Murray, Susan Orlean, Rick Reilly, David Remnick, Red Smith, Lincoln Steffens, Paul Theroux, Calvin Trillin, Cynthia Tucker, Tom Wolfe

Political Writers

Hannah Arendt, Simone de Beauvoir, William F. Buckley, Jean de Crèvecoeur, W. E. B. Du Bois, Margaret Fuller, John Kenneth Galbraith, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Chris Hedges, Thomas Hobbes, Thomas Jefferson, George Kennan, Martin Luther King Jr., Naomi Klein, Lewis H. Lapham, John Locke, Niccolò Machiavelli, John Stuart Mill, John Milton, Thomas More, Thomas Paine, Olive Schreiner, Jonathan Swift, Alexis de Tocqueville, Gore Vidal, George Will, Garry Wills, Mary Wollstonecraft

Science and Nature Writers

Edward Abbey, Diane Ackerman, Natalie Angier, Wendell Berry, Jacob Bronowski, Rachel Carson, Charles Darwin, Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, Jared Diamond, Annie Dillard, Gretel Ehrlich, Loren Eiseley, Timothy Ferris, Tim Flannery, Richard Fortey, Atul Gawande, Stephen Jay Gould, Evelyn Fox Keller, Aldo Leopold, Barry Lopez, Peter Matthiessen, Bill McKibben, Margaret Mead, John Muir, Steven Pinker, David Quammen, Carl Sagan, Lewis Thomas, Jonathan Weiner, E. O. Wilson