

Language and Composition

Summer Assignment 2017- Bolin

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! I'm excited that you have decided to explore the power of rhetoric by signing up for this course. In order to hit the ground running and be successful in the fall, you'll need to complete the following tasks over the summer. These tasks are time consuming, so please do not put them off until the end of break. Also, choosing to not participate in the summer assignment will result in being dropped from the course.

Tasks at a Glance:

- Join Google Class h4qqp2 (be sure to log in to google using your school account)
- Read *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- Read at least one other non-fiction argumentative text from the attached list.
- Respond to questions in Google Classroom and participate in online discussions with peers by responding to their answers.

Online Discussion:

It goes without saying that all responses and comments should be conducted in a professional manner. Please be sensitive to others' beliefs and feelings when posting. When in doubt, leave it out (it rhymes, so you know it's true). Throughout the year we will be engaging in many thought provoking, controversial discussions. This is a good opportunity for you to start working on making your point without damaging relationships or offending others.

- Responses to instructor questions should be formatted as fully developed, well-supported paragraphs. This is how I'm grading you, so make sure that I know you read and understood the texts.
- You must respond to all 6 instructor questions.
- You must comment on at least 2 peers' responses for each question.
- Peer comments should be meaningful and productive. Simple agreement or support will not be accepted or benefit your grade. Your responses should challenge the positions and evidence of your peers in ways that lead to deeper understanding of the texts. The goal is to participate in a meaningful discussion.

Recommended Timetable:

- Read *In Cold Blood* and respond to instructor questions 1-3 by June 30th.
- Read your second selection and respond to instructor questions 4-6 by July 31st.
- Complete discussion posts by August 4th.

Recommended Book List for third selection:

- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander
- *The Almost Nearly Perfect People: Behind the Myth of the Scandinavian Utopia* by Michael Booth
- *Columbine* by Dave Cullen
- *League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for Truth* by Mark Fainaru-Wada and Steve Fainaru
- *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda* by Philip Gourevitch
- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* by Jane Jacobs
- *The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine* by Michael Lewis
- *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee