

Sussex Academy High School  
AP Language & Composition Summer Assignment 2023  
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Welcome to AP Language & Composition!

Our class will not begin until Trimester 2, but because AP Language & Composition is a college-level class and we miss starting the year together, there are some things you will need to do to prepare yourself for class.

1. Please go to Collegeboard's AP Language & Composition website and familiarize yourself with the general class topics and the AP exam format and requirements. You will also need to join AP Classroom on the first day of class, so if you cannot log into Collegeboard, summer is the time to take care of that.
2. Please read and **thoroughly** annotate *How to Write a Sentence and How to Read One* by Stanley Fish (ISBN # 006184053X.) This will be a foundational text for us that we will return to as we learn to craft efficient and eloquent essays. Please plan to bring this book to every class as a reference.
3. Choose your literature circle book off the attached list. See the instructions on the book list.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,

Dr. Davis

## AP Language & Composition Literature Circles Book Choices

Please choose a first and a second choice, and bring your choices to class on the first day.

**Do not purchase your book until class starts - you will be placed in a reading group and so not all first choices will be approved.**

Arana, Marie *American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood*

Ashe, Arthur. *Days of Grace*

Barry, John M. *The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History*

Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone*

Brennan, Christine *Best Seat in the House: A Father, A Daughter, a Journey Through Sports*

Caleel, Richard T. *Surgeon! A Year in the Life of an Inner City Doctor*

Gladwell, Malcolm. *The Tipping Point*

Hong Kingston, Maxine *Woman Warrior*

Johnson, Steven. *The Ghost Map*.

Koppel, Lily. *Reclaiming a Life Through the Pages of a Lost Journal*

Krakauer, Jon *Into Thin Air*

Lacey, Robert and Danny Danziger. *The Year 1000*

Malcolm X *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

MacNeill, Robert *Wordstruck*

McBride, James *The Color of Water*

Murray, Liz. *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*

Nafisi, Azar *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*

Nazario, Sonia *Enrique's Journey*

Rodriguez, Richard *Hunger for Memory*

Sagan, Carl *The Demon-Haunted World*

Skloot, Rebecca. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Stevenson, Bryan. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

Thompson, Gabriel. *Working in the Shadows*

Thoreau, Henry *Walden*

Winchester, Simon. *The Professor and The Madman*