

**Dear Junior AP Language and Composition Students and Parents/Guardians:**

Welcome to AP Language and Composition. The AP English Language course emphasizes a mix of politics, history, social sciences, current events, fiction, and non-fiction prose. This class is different from most English classes you have taken before; it will ask you to analyze writing, develop sound reasoning and argumentation, as well as examine the power of language.

Over the summer, you will be reading a choice book from the list provided by the Antioch Community High School English Department (that list can be found on the ACHS English Dept. website). You are responsible for getting your own copy of the book (either purchased or rented) and reading it in its entirety by the first day of school.

In addition to reading your choice book, you need to find THREE news articles that somehow relate to the content of your book. Perhaps they have a common theme or common event; perhaps one of the book's characters is similar to someone chronicled in the news; or perhaps the connection is based on your perceptions of the book and the news article.

As you begin searching for your articles, please keep in mind the credibility of your sources. Whether you are looking online or in print sources, consider the following for potential articles: The New Yorker, Salon, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Huffington Post, The Atlantic.

When you find your articles, you should print each one and create an MLA formatted works cited page that includes each article.

Bring the articles and your works cited page to the first day of school, along with your book, and we will begin the school year with a variety of activities involving all three.

If you have any questions about the assignment, please contact Sarah Ogborn at [sarah.ogborn@chsd117.org](mailto:sarah.ogborn@chsd117.org) or Jamie D'Andrea at [jamie.dandrea@chsd117.org](mailto:jamie.dandrea@chsd117.org). We encourage parents/guardians to read along with their students and engage in discussion.

Have a wonderful summer!

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